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Council urged to do more for LGBT homeless youth

Better shelters. Lesbian, gay, transgender people hugely overrepresented among city's homeless

City council will be asked to make anti-homophobia training mandatory in the youth shelter system, a "watershed" decision according to LGBTQ advocates.

A city hall committee unanimously recommended that council approve the new training guidelines on Wednesday, along with steps toward creating an LGBTQ-only homeless shelter in Toronto.

Gay, lesbian and transgender people are massively overrepresented in Toronto's youth homeless population at 19 per cent, often driven to the streets by family disapproval and social stigma. Many report violence at the hands of other shelter residents and staff ill-equipped to cope with homophobia and transphobia.

Some shelters do train their staff on LGBTQ issues, but they are not obligated to do so. Mandatory "anti-oppression" training for shelter managers contains little information on homophobia, according to Dr. I. Alex Abramovich, who recently completed a PhD on Toronto's homeless sexual minorities.

"The biggest thing is terminology: a lot of shelter staff don't know what transphobia means or whether lesbian is an OK word to use," Abramovich said.

The same committee also asked city staff to investigate the possibility of setting aside 25 per cent of beds in one shelter for LGBTQ youth and to put out a tender for community interest in forming the city's first LGBTQ youth shelter.

Council will vote on the initiatives on July 8 or 9.

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Progress

"As a member of the LGBTQ community, I can't imagine 10 years ago the city recommending something like this."

Ward 27 Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam, who authored the training motion

RAINBOW CONNECTION

From left: Peter Padron, Jenna Gatto, Vicky Gatto, Tamara Judges, Ryan Lounds and Ceara Walsh celebrate World Pride on Church Street on Wednesday. Numerous events are going on in the rainbow-covered Village during World Pride. More coverage, page 8. LIA GRAINGER/FOR METRO

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$80 water-meter fee blasted as 'Draconian'

Toronto Water. Residents who refuse wireless meters will have to pay extra to have someone from the city manually gauge their water use

City council has approved it, but an $80 fee to read the water meter is excessive, says Coun. James Pasternak.

The City of Toronto will soon start charging an $80 fee to manually read the water meters of customers who refuse new wireless meters. Based on three readings a year, that's an extra $240.

At least 3,341 customers who don't want the smart meters that automatically transmit readings are being warned by the city they could also be fined up to $50,000 and have their water cut off.

While objectors want to continue sending in their readings, Toronto Water notes the new program as approved by city council is mandatory for all customers.

The city should try to accommodate people rather than slap them with a "Draconian" $80 non-compliance fee, said Pasternak.

The city's water department expects to save $5 million annually by getting rid of manual meter readings.

Longtime Toronto resident Shelly Lee said the potential savings could come at a price.

"We know that these wireless systems are hackable," Lee said.

Critics of wireless water meters in the U.S. have pointed out that transmissions aren't encrypted, so readings can easily be altered or the signals can even be jammed. There's also the possibility of customers abusing the system by finding ways to manipulate the wireless meters.

"My current meter works just fine," Lee said. "I will not let Neptune (the vendor) into my home to replace it."

The new fee takes effect July 1. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Radio frequencies a cause of worry

- Some residents have cited concerns about radio frequencies from the wireless devices, prompting Toronto Public Health to declare that the transmissions — which last for one second per day — are unlikely to pose a health hazard.
- But those residents say the exposure to additional radio frequencies in a world that's being inundated by various cellular, radio and other wireless transmissions is just another possible health risk.

Photo archive donated to public library

From left, David MacFarlane of Project Toronto, Michael Foderick, chair of the Toronto Public Library board, Jane Pyper, city librarian, and Bob Hepburn, director of community relations and communications at the Toronto Star, look at some old photos on Wednesday. The Star gave its entire photo archive to the Toronto Public Library, making more than one million images taken from 1900 to 1990 available to the public. The donation features images of wartime, political events, social revolutions, historical moments and cultural icons and includes work by various agencies and freelancers such as portrait photographers Yousuf Karsh and Andre de Dienes.

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Behind the smoke: Inside a legal marijuana grow-op

MedReLeaf. Metro reporter takes tour of high-tech pot plant in secret location

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The 55,000-square-foot warehouse in Markham is unremarkable from the outside, unless you stand at the doorstep, take a deep breath and notice a faint but recognizable smell.

On Wednesday, MedReLeaf began its first harvest of medical marijuana and invited a Metro reporter for a tour.

Metro has agreed to keep the exact location of the medical marijuana production facility a secret to protect the people who work there and the thousands of marijuana plants inside.

The company is one of 20 marijuana producers licensed by Health Canada so far under the new regime, which began April 1, and saw medical pot production switch from numerous small growers to fewer, larger, more heavily regulated companies like MedReLeaf.

Metro reporter Jessica Smith Cross tours the MedReLeaf plant with COO Tom Flow on Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

PHARMACEUTICAL-GRADE DECONTAMINATION

Inside MedReLeaf's pot plant, workers and guests at are constantly monitored on video surveillance, as mandated by Health Canada. The internal doors between growing rooms are secured with electronic locks.

Before seeing any marijuana, our small group — which includes MedReLeaf COO Tom Flow, head of quality assurance Angelo Fefekos and communications staff — enters a decontamination room, puts on white clean-room suits, hair nets, gloves and booties, and passes through an airlock.

That level of contamination control isn't mandatory, but MedReLeaf trademarks their marijuana as "medical grade standard," so the procedures are in line with those at pharmaceutical facilities that make traditional medical drugs.

Everything from the flooring to the HVAC is engineered to keep things hygienic, and the plant meets the ISO class 8 standard, like an operating room, according to Fefekos, whose previous job was manager of Diagnostic Medical Genetics at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

He was recruited by MedLeaf CEO Neil Closner, who was then vice-president of Business Development at the hospital.

Initially skeptical, Fefekos helped Closner prepare the application for a licence and was convinced to come on board because of how seriously the government was taking — and regulating — the pot business, he said.

THE 'MOTHER ROOM'

After the airlock, we enter the "mother room," where there are rows of pot plants under 1,000-watt bluish lights. They are the 23 strains of pot the company is currently producing. Some are the varieties Canadian consumers are familiar with and have words like "kush" and "skunk" in their growing names.

Others have come from the Tikun Olam company of Israel, which has been growing medical marijuana for about a decade.

Clippings from the mother plants, called clones, are transferred to trays where they're kept in a high-humidity "clone room" where they grow roots over seven to 14 days.

FLOWER POWER

Next they're transferred to one of the "flower rooms," where 2,000 to 6,000 plants grow under red spectrum light, are fed a nutrient solution pumped in from an irrigation system, and trimmed by the head grower and his team.

The Markham pot plant itself is still growing, but according to MedReLeaf, they'll soon have 10 flower rooms and grow about 150,000 pot plants without pesticide. Some are a deep purple, others are a light green.

All have large bugs and shimmering crystals of THC. It's time to harvest when the pot leaves turn yellow and fall and the hairs on the buds go red.

R2D2 ON POT

When they're ready, the plants go to the trimming room. Everything that goes in and out is weighed so nothing goes missing.

The air quality in the trimming room is tested by an air particle counter — dubbed by employees as R2D2 — and employees gloved hands are tested for contaminates.

Health Canada will spot test the end product, but doesn't mandate mid-stage tests like these.

"It's the only way I know how to make a medicine," explained Fefekos.

Employees pick off the leaves and trim the buds with scissors before they're hung over metal wire to dry in the drying room, where, on the first day of harvest, a Bob Marley song is playing. The first day of the first harvest was a big deal for some of the employees. Facilities manager Ori Sher said he never expected to find himself doing this. "I was in the IT business for years," he said. "This is pretty far from IT."

When the buds are dry, they'll be tested and either quarantined or released by Health Canada. All the pot that's good to go will be vacuum sealed, picked up by Canada Post and mailed to patients in unmarked packages.

Any pot that's stored is kept in the vault, a huge black safe, with two complex locks, kept behind a giant blue cage, which is also locked and secured with an alarm.

A budding business with lots of growth

Even though it has yet to ship any pot to a patient, the executives at MedReLeaf see a big future for medical cannabis.

"We can service well over 10,000 patients from this building and we're already looking at expanding to other facilities," said CEO Neil Closner. "We believe it could be quite a big market for those producers who can produce at a level that not only patients want, but physicians feel comfortable prescribing."

According to the government, 920 companies have applied to become producers so far. Of those, 20 have been approved, 407 were returned as incomplete, 163 were refused, 34 were withdrawn by the applicant and 296 are currently being reviewed.

Quoted

"We can service well over 10,000 patients from this building and we're already looking at expanding to other facilities."

MedReLeaf CEO Neil Closner

Some companies have elected to raise funds from the market. So many penny stocks posted big gains just by announcing they were planning to get in on the medical marijuana market that the Canadian Securities Administrators issued a warning.

"There's clearly a bit of a mania going on, a bubble going on with people rushing to invest in gold-mining companies that all of a sudden add 'marijuana' to their business name and all of a sudden the stock goes up by tenfold in one day," said Closner.

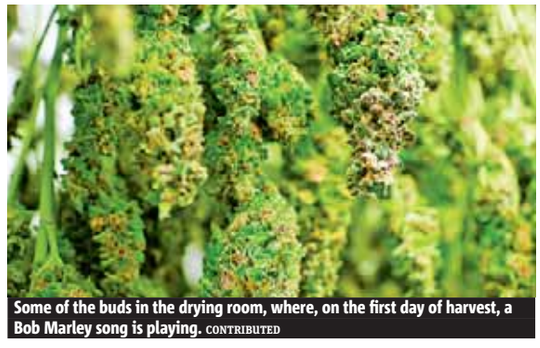
MedReLeaf elected to go with private investors who pitched in significant capital to build the company — including its large, high-tech pot plant in Markham — because they believe in the product and the investment.

In part, that's because of Canadian law.

While medical pot is highly regulated, doctors in Canada can prescribe marijuana for any patient they feel needs it, where as other countries that allow medical pot — such as Israel — allow prescriptions for only a list of ailments, said Closner.

MedReLeaf expects to ship its first harvest in a few weeks.

"Today's a big deal because after 18 months or so of planning and filing applications and regulatory paperwork with Health Canada and building our facility, today we're doing the harvest of our first crop of medical cannabis," Closner said.



Some of the buds in the drying room, where, on the first day of harvest, a Bob Marley song is playing. CONTRIBUTED

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Elder care laws under review

Dementia rates rising. Early findings of a Law Commission review make a strong case for reform in the province

Tricia MacDonald believes there has to be a better way.

For months, MacDonald has been locked in an emotional battle with her siblings over the care of their 71-year-old mother, who has Alzheimer's. Because she never designated a power of attorney, under Ontario law all four of her children have equal say.

"There's a complete divide at this point. Every single person involved will tell you, 'I'm doing what's in mom's best interest,'" MacDonald said. "It's ridiculous. It's wrong. We're all very angry."

Despite increasing dementia rates, early findings of an influential review suggest the provincial laws that dictate how decisions are made for seniors who can no longer decide for themselves are poorly understood, difficult to navigate and can lead to bitter family disputes.

In a discussion paper released on Thursday, the Law Commission of Ontario, an independent body created to recommend law reform, has laid the foundation for significant change in a largely hidden but vital corner of legislation.

"As carefully thought out and co-ordinated (the current statutory framework) was, there have been unintended or unanticipated results in some areas," the paper states. "(There) is considerable interest in and pressure for law reform."

The Law Commission is launching public consultations this summer to give residents an opportunity "to tell us their stories, experiences and hopes for change," said Lauren Bates, who is heading the comprehensive review of the laws around legal capacity, decision-making and guardianship.

The goal, said Bates, is to produce recommendations that become law.

"This is an area of the law that touches people's lives in the most intimate and profound ways," she said. "There is a lot at stake here. It is important that we get it right."

Lauren Bates of the Law Commission of Ontario, who is heading a major review of the laws around elder care, in her office at York University on Wednesday. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It is a process the province is watching.

"(It) is important that continued attention be given to the protection of vulnerable individuals under Ontario laws," said Brendan Crawley, a spokesman for the attorney general. "The ministry will closely review any recommendations made by the Law Commission."

Frank Wagner, a bioethicist for Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre, who is part of the Law Commission's advisory group, said he regularly fields calls from estate lawyers, family doctors — "people who you think would know this" — with basic questions about the law.

"Nobody likes it because it's so complicated," Wagner said. "The average family has no idea what all this means."

Under the legislation, if a senior (or any person, for that matter) is incapable of making a personal care decision, this responsibility falls to a substitute decision-maker. A senior can elect his substitute decision-maker for personal care and finances by creating a power of attorney, which is designed to be accessible and does not require a lawyer to complete.

However, the Law Commission's early findings suggest that because the process is so accessible, seniors may fail to grasp that the best person for the job may not be their closest relative, Bates said.

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Far-reaching impact

1.4M

The number of Canadians with some form of dementia is expected to double in the next 20 years, from 740,000 to 1.4 million. Yet the Law Commission of Ontario's initial consultations point to a profound lack of education and understanding about the complex web of laws that govern elder care.

People aging with HIV face 'crisis,' study shows

Sean Rourke CONTRIBUTED

A crisis looms for people aging with HIV because of complex medical and social needs that go unmet, new research from St. Michael's Hospital shows.

Thanks to antiretroviral drugs, people with the human immunodeficiency virus can live into their 70s, but many age faster than they should and encounter additional health problems, social isolation, stigma and unemployment, according to a paper published in the July issue of the journal Current Opinion in HIV and AIDS.

"People are almost living normal lifespans, but not everyone is thriving," warned lead author Sean Rourke, a neuropsychologist who heads the Neurobehavioural Research Unit at the hospital and the scientific and executive director of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network.

"Ontario is doing its job to help people living with HIV have access to the medical system and antiretroviral medications to keep HIV at bay. But a very significant crisis is looming," he said.

The research involved a review of more than 200 international studies on the health of older people living with HIV.

It found that the health consequences of episodic illness that comes with living with the virus compromises the ability of those infected to participate fully in society.

Health problems experienced by people as they age can hit those affected with HIV up to 20 years earlier, Rourke explained. For example, they experience cardiovascular disease, cognitive brain injury and osteoporosis earlier.

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By the numbers

In high-income countries such as Canada, 30 per cent of people living with HIV are 50 and older and many live into their 60s and 70s. In Ontario alone, there are just under 30,000 people living with the virus.

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Rainbow flag 'our answer to the pink triangle'

Gilbert Baker. Creator of the gay pride symbol says his flag is a 'positive' counterpoint to the negative Nazi triangle

Gilbert Baker THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before the rainbow flag, the pink triangle — a Nazi concentration camp badge to identify homosexual prisoners — was the symbol for gay pride and gay rights movement.

And if it wasn't for Harvey Milk, the late iconic American gay rights activist in the 2008 biographical movie Milk, the multi-coloured flag might not have come into being the world's most popular gay symbol today.

"Harvey Milk challenged me to create a new flag," recalled Gilbert Baker, who created the first rainbow flag and flew it at San Francisco Pride in 1978 amid the exploding gay political activism led by Milk.

"It's our answer to the pink triangle from Hitler and the Nazis. We needed something different, positive and empowering."

Baker, 63, is an honoured guest at World Pride in Toronto, the first in North America, and has made a 32-by-3 foot rainbow banner to lead Sunday's parade and a special flag to be handed to the organizers of the 2017 World Pride in Madrid.

A native of Kansas, Baker served in the U.S. Army in the early 1970s and was deployed in San Francisco. After his discharge, he stayed there, taught himself to sew and put his skill to use by making banners for gay and anti-war street protest marches.

The original flag came in eight colours, symbolizing the diversity, inclusiveness and hope of the gay movement. There have been variations of the rainbow flag, with the most popular and commercial version being the six-colour edition (the hot pink and turquoise were removed because it presented challenges to manufacturers).

Baker said he knew the rainbow flag would be a hit and change his life, but did not expect it would be caught on like a wildfire and spread around the world.

This is Baker's first visit to Toronto and he said he is impressed by all the rainbow flags blanketing the city.

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Did you know?

Here is what each colour of rainbow flag means:

- **Hot pink:** sexuality
- **Red:** life
- **Orange:** healing
- **Yellow:** sunlight
- **Green:** nature
- **Turquoise:** magic/art
- **Blue:** serenity/harmony
- **Violet:** spirit

SOURCE: GILBERT BAKER

We Shall Overcome our appetite for cheap tees?

Twelve-year-old Martina Ortiz-Luis sings We Shall Overcome, the anthem heard throughout Bangladesh by children doing hazardous labour, in the heart of Toronto's shopping district near Yonge and Bloor Wednesday. World Vision Canada held the event as part of their No Child For Sale project to raise awareness of child labour in the supply chains of everyday products. A new Ipsos Reid poll confirms that a majority of Canadians feel responsible for protecting children from exploitative child labour — one of the "hidden costs" in the products we buy. The poll shows 80 per cent of Canadians say children are exploited due to Western demand for the cheapest products, which drives firms to hire cheap labour. Some 77 per cent of Canadians also want to make an effort to ensure they know how and where goods are made. VICTOR BIRO/FOR METRO

Try, try again

Elliott throws her hat in ring for Ontario PC leader

The race for the Ontario Tory leadership kicked off in earnest Wednesday, with deputy party leader Christine Elliott launching her bid, a decision she said her late husband, former federal finance minister Jim Flaherty, would have supported.

Elliott became the first candidate in the running to succeed Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak, who is stepping down following the party's crushing electoral defeat earlier this month.

It marks her second attempt to lead the party — she finished third when Hudak won the Tory leadership race in 2009 — and she said Wednesday that Flaherty wanted to see her succeed.

"I can tell you that it's something that Jim always wanted me to do," she said. "He always wanted me to move forward in whatever capacity presented itself and I feel sure that he would have been happy with my decision." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Attorney general pans MacKay's remarks

Women on the bench. Madeleine Meilleur calls justice minister's remarks about female judges 'very unfortunate'

Add Ontario's attorney general to the list of people who have a bone to pick with Justice Minister Peter MacKay.

Madeleine Meilleur calls MacKay's recent remarks about female judges "very unfortunate" — particularly when Ontario has elected its first female premier.

The Toronto Star reported that MacKay attributed the dearth of women on the bench to a lack of applications, reportedly linking that to a fear among women that they might be appointed to a circuit court, which entails more travel.

MacKay found himself in hot water again Tuesday over Mother's Day and Father's Day emails to staff — one saluting mothers for holding down two full-time jobs at home and at work, the other lauding dads for raising "the next generation of leaders."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended his justice minister Wednesday, saying MacKay's comments have been unfairly characterized as sexist.

Meilleur says there are very competent women in Ontario and Canada who are able to be judges and the province's judicial bench is proof of it. She noted that the chief justice of the Ontario Court of Justice is a woman.

The federal process for judicial appointments is very different from Ontario's, which includes a requirement that the advisory committee recognize the desirability of reflecting the diversity of the province's population in the candidates they select, she said. "We always look to make sure the judges represent the Ontario community," Meilleur said.

MacKay, for his part, has said that he did not make the comments attributed to him in the report. "In addressing a few dozen lawyers I took the opportunity to encourage MORE women and minorities to apply to be judges, to enable the federal government to promote them to the bench and thus to better reflect the diversity that is Canada today," he said in a Facebook post. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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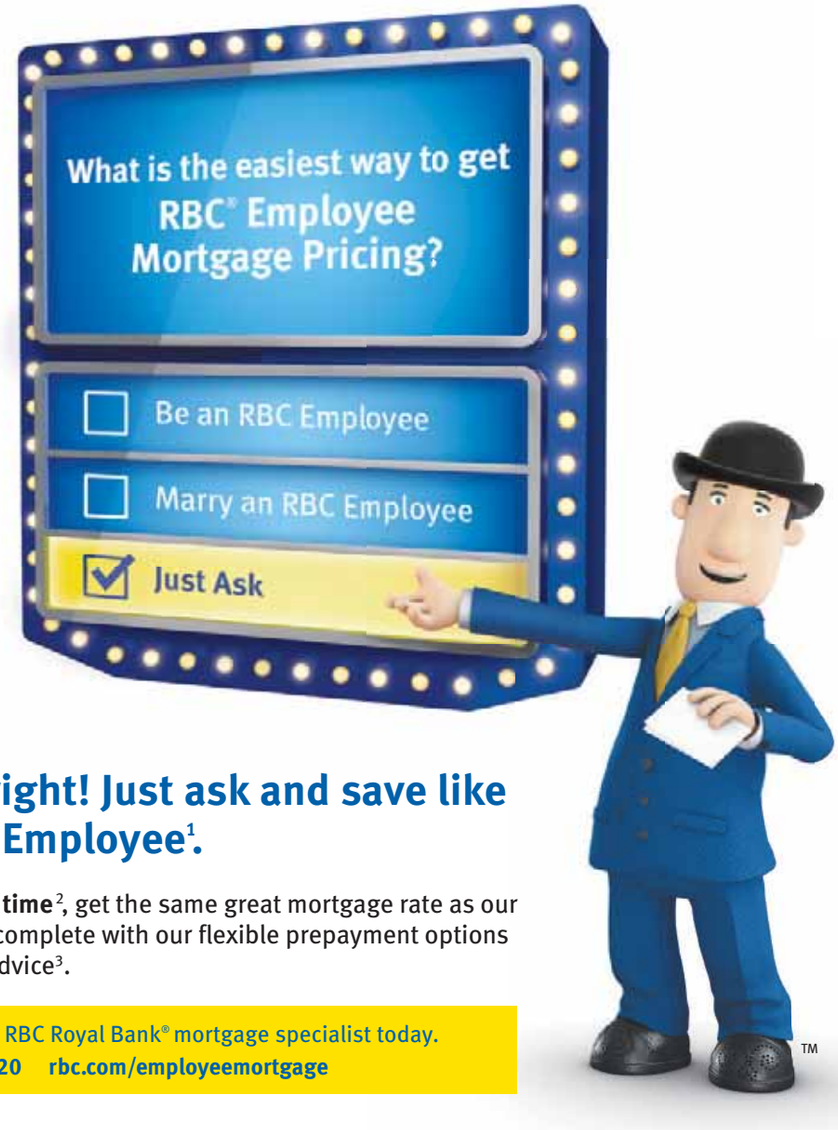

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Vancouver. Beluga whale research heads north amid controversy over captivity

As debate swirls around keeping captive whales, the Vancouver Aquarium is taking its beluga research back to the wild with a study in the Arctic.

Next week, Behavioural ecologist Valeria Vergara is going to Cunningham Inlet, on Summerset Island, about 800 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, to study the sounds belugas make in the wild.

Vergara says the area has seen many changes due to climate change and she wants to establish a baseline for beluga communications before global warming opens the Northern Passage to shipping.

Since the birth of the calf Tuvaq in 2002, aquarium staff have been studying the vocal calls between beluga cows and their young.

The research trip comes as the non-profit aquarium is under renewed pressure to stop keeping belugas and dolphins in captivity — including a call from Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson to end the practice.

But Vergara says the research at the aquarium helps scientists understand the behaviour of belugas in the wild and how environmental changes are affecting them.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

A trainer works with beluga whale Aurora at the Vancouver Aquarium on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Privacy

Border agency cuts data retention to 15 years from 75

The federal border agency is bowing to privacy concerns by agreeing to slash the amount of time it will keep data on the cross-border movements of Canadians as part of a new security plan.

The agency says it plans to retain personal details for 15 years — not 75. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twiplomacy

Twitter accounts trending among our diplomats

Canada is among a small group of countries that has Twitter accounts for most of its embassies and missions, a global study revealed Wednesday.

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U of Ottawa hockey program iced after sex assault probe

University of Ottawa President Allan Rock delivers a statement in Ottawa on Wednesday regarding the men's varsity hockey program. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Men's varsity team. School's president calls conduct 'unacceptable', 2014-15 season suspended and coach fired after investigation

LUCY SCHOLEY
Metro in Ottawa

The University of Ottawa has suspended its men's varsity hockey program for the entire 2014-15 season and fired the team's coach following an internal investigation into allegations of a gang sex assault by players on a tournament trip to Thunder Bay.

University president Allan Rock would not divulge the details of the internal report during Wednesday's announcement, as there is a separate police investigation in the works.

"We know enough to say what happened there was unacceptable," he said.

However, the university did release a report of recommendations to improve school varsity sports, including updating the coaching handbook and conducting an annual review of all guidelines on athlete behaviour.

Rock said the coach was not involved in the alleged incident, but he had tried to discipline those students on his own.

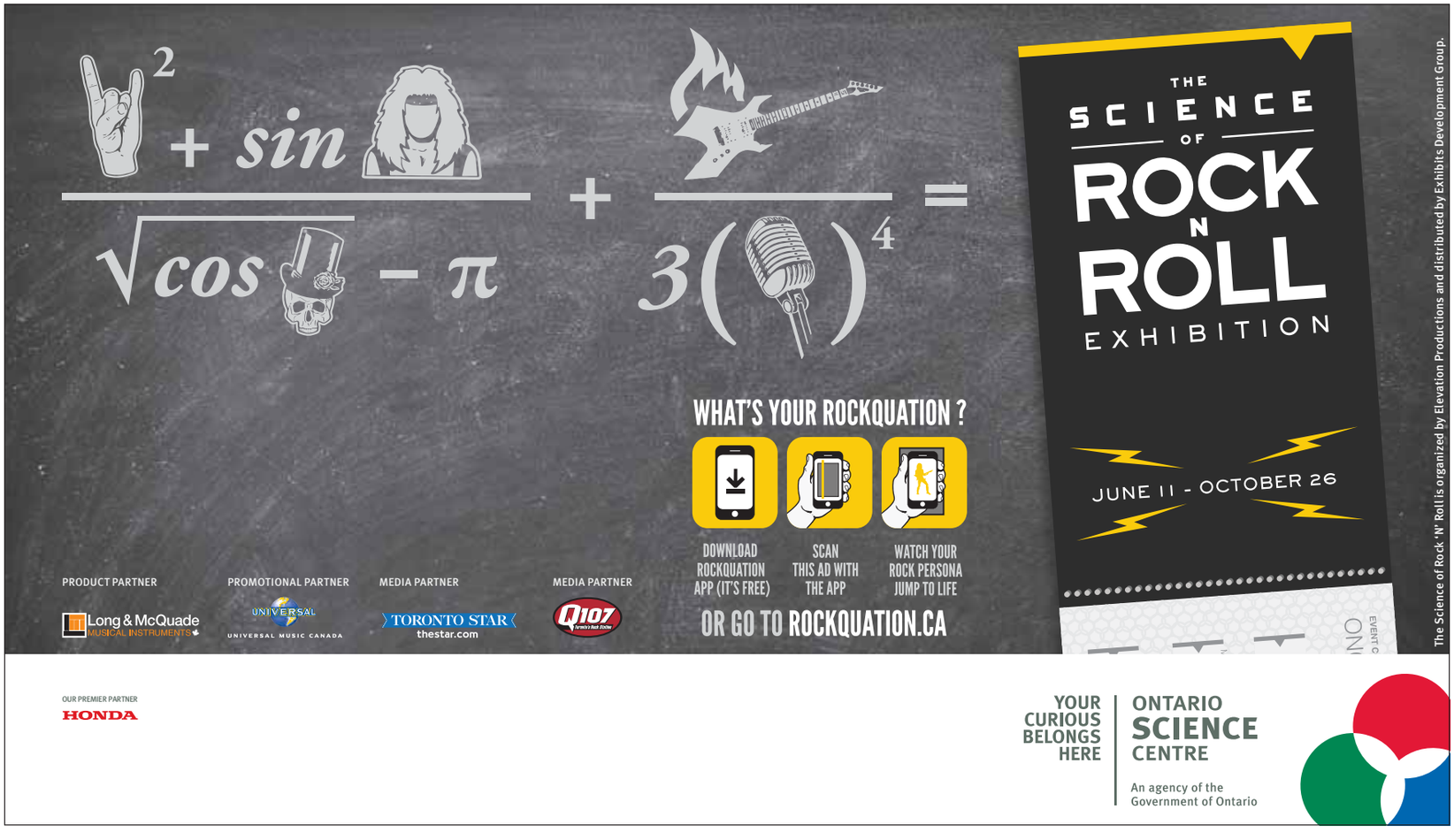
Thunder Bay police say they've completed their investigation into the Jan. 30-to-Feb. 2 incident, are reviewing the case with the Crown and expect to make an announcement "of some sort in coming weeks."

Anne-Marie Roy, president of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, said she's happy the university is changing its policies, but added that more needs to be done to address rape culture on university campuses.

"I don't think that what's happening with the hockey team at the University of Ottawa is an isolated case," she said, adding that the vast majority of sexual assaults are unreported. "This is something that is experienced on other campuses, as well."

The University of Ottawa and the student federation have each implemented a task force that's looking into rape culture on campus.

The school suspended the men's hockey team last semester as well, following news of the Thunder Bay incident.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Fake lottery. Greek cops bust two men involved in $50-million scam

Greek authorities say they have broken a massive lottery scam targeting Germans that tricked about 360,000 people into paying to take part in non-existent draws.

A police statement Wednesday said two Greek men have been arrested on suspicion of running the ring, whose illicit earnings allegedly exceeded 36 million euros ($50 million) in nearly four years.

The crackdown came after authorities enlisted the help of German law enforcement. The ring allegedly used illegally procured lists of German betting company clients, whom they then phoned, offering cash prizes or free holidays in return for a monthly subscription of about 30 euros ($41).

It was unclear why only people in Germany were targeted but the country is much wealthier than Greece. Police said the two suspects arrested Tuesday in Athens were German-born. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil

Jealous man kills wife's friend after Facebook chat: Cops

Brazilian police say a Facebook conversation made a man so jealous that he killed and dismembered a friend of his wife.

The Rio de Janeiro police department said in a statement emailed on Wednesday that Anderson Gomes Aleixo grew jealous when he found out that his wife and a childhood friend were chatting on Facebook.

The statement says Aleixo confessed that he forced his wife to invite her friend to their house on June 8, then killed Francisco de Assis Coelho Neves with a knife and dismembered the body. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kim Jong-un assassination movie an 'act of war': N.K.

Kim Jong-un and Seth Rogen THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE, GETTY IMAGES FILE

Supreme wet blanket. Government says buddy comedy The Interview is 'provocative insanity'

North Korea is warning that the release of a new American comedy about a plot to assassinate leader Kim Jong-un would be an "act of war."

If the U.S. government doesn't block the movie's release, it will face "stern" and "merciless" retaliation, an unidentified spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry said in state media Wednesday.

He didn't mention the movie by name but was clearly referring to The Interview, which stars Seth Rogen and James Franco as a producer and talk-show host who land an exclusive interview with the North Korean dictator and are then asked by the CIA to assassinate him.

The "reckless U.S. provocative insanity" of mobilizing a "gangster filmmaker" to challenge the North's leadership is triggering "a gust of hatred and rage" among North Korean people and soldiers, the spokesman said, in typically heated propaganda language.

The film's release would be considered an "act of war that we will never tolerate," he said.

With no independent press of its own, North Korea often holds foreign governments responsible for the content of their media. Pyongyang regularly warns Seoul to prevent its conservative press from mocking or criticizing its leadership, something banned within authoritarian North Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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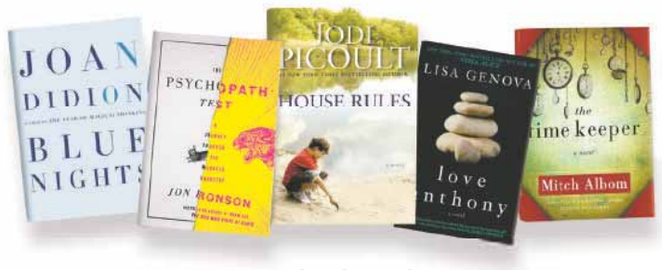

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French doctor Nicolas Bonnemaison, seen here arriving at the courthouse in Pau, southwestern France, on the first day of his trial earlier this month, was acquitted Wednesday of poisoning charges after giving lethal injections to help seven terminally ill patients die. BOB EDME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Right to die gets new lease on life

Euthanasia. French doctor acquitted after helping patients die; U.K. court questions assisted-suicide ban

A French doctor was acquitted Wednesday of poisoning charges after giving lethal injections to seven terminally ill patients, and Britain's Supreme Court said an assisted-suicide ban is incompatible with human rights, fuelling the arguments of those who say the duty of doctors is to end the suffering of those beyond treatment.

Coming a day after France's top administrative court ordered an end to the treatment of a comatose man — a decision later blocked by the European Court of Human Rights — the rulings cast new light on the legal struggle over medical treatments for the terminally ill or patients in vegetative states.

France's president has said he wants to make it easier for some terminally ill patients to request medical help to end their lives. Relatives of Dr. Nicolas Bonnemaison's patients had testified in his favour. The physician's lawyer said he hoped the decision — and Tuesday's rulings in the case of the comatose man — would force the government to act quickly.

The British Supreme Court decision was unexpectedly far-reaching. Although it dismissed the appeal from two severely disabled men who argued the law should be changed to allow doctors to legally kill them, the ruling suggested Parliament change the law to be in line with human rights guarantees.

Penney Lewis, a law professor in London, said the British case and the acquittal of Bonnemaison followed a trend of broadening legal acceptance for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

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"There are no heroes here, no martyrs. This man acted as a doctor."

Benoit Ducos-Ader, lawyer for Dr. Nicolas Bonnemaison, commenting on the French doctor's acquittal.

Chicago

Council tightens gun-store rules

The Chicago City Council approved 48-0 Wednesday an ordinance that dramatically limits where gun stores can operate and requires them to videotape every purchase to prevent people from buying a gun for someone else.

A January federal court ruling gave Chicago until July 14 to put gun store rules in place.

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France. Court upholds firing over head scarf

France's highest court has upheld an appeals court ruling in favour of a nursery school director who fired an employee for wearing a Muslim head scarf to work.

Wednesday's decision closes a six-year legal wrangle between the dismissed employee and the head of the private nursery school.

The case has captured headlines because of potential implications for companies who want to extend a 2004 school ban on Islamic head scarves or a 2010 law banning face veils in the street.

However, the Court of Cassation made clear its ruling doesn't mean France's principle of secularism, which is behind the bans, can be universally applied to private-sector employees.

The court said the nursery's rule forbidding religious displays was "justified by the nature of the tasks."

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At least 21 dead after Nigerian mall bombing

17 wounded. Extremists attack shopping centre in capital Abuja

An explosion blamed on Islamic extremists rocked a shopping mall in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, and police said 21 people were killed.

The blast came as Nigerians were preparing to watch their country's Super Eagles play Argentina at the World Cup in Brazil. Many shops at the mall have TV screens but it was unclear if the explosion was timed to coincide with the match, which started an hour later.

Witnesses said body parts were scattered around the exit to Emab Plaza, in Abuja's upscale Wuse 2 suburb. One witness said he thought the bomb was dropped at the entrance to the mall by a motorcyclist. All spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Soldiers shot and killed one suspect as he tried to escape on a power bike and police detained a second suspect, government spokesman Mike Omeri said in a statement.

Billows of black smoke could be seen from a kilometre away, and police said 17 vehicles were burnt out in the blast.

"I heard the explosion and (felt) the building shaking," said Shuaibu Baba, who had a narrow escape. He said he rushed downstairs to find that the driver who had dropped him a few minutes earlier was dead. "I asked the driver to come with me, and he said 'No,' he would wait for me in the car."

Police Supt. Frank Mba said 17 people were wounded and 21 bodies were recovered.

It is the latest in a series of violent attacks blamed on Islamic extremists. Nigerian security forces appear incapable of curtailing the near-daily attacks concentrated in the northeast, where Boko Haram extremists have their stronghold.

Rescue workers carry the remains of a person in a body bag after a explosion at a shopping mall in Abuja, Nigeria, Wednesday. OLAMIKAN GBEMIGA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Tuesday night, extremists in the northeast attacked a military checkpoint and killed at least 21 soldiers and five civilians, witnesses and a hospital worker said Wednesday.

Abuja is in the centre of Nigeria and the militants have spread their attacks to the capital. Two separate explosions in Abuja in April killed more than 120 people and wounded about 200 at a busy bus station. Both were claimed by Boko Haram, which has threatened further attacks.

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N.S. Researchers may have found key to fighting antibiotic resistance

A soil sample from Nova Scotia has yielded a compound that could help fight antibiotic resistance.

Researchers from McMaster University in Hamilton have discovered a fungus that produces a chemical that overrides the antibiotic resistance powers the dangerous NDM-1 gene gives to bacteria.

They liken the compound to an adjuvant, a chemical that enhances the power of vaccines.

Biochemistry professor Gerry Wright and his team have been looking in soil samples from around the country for bacteria and fungi that produce chemicals that might inhibit antibiotic resistance.

This early finding is published in this week's issue of the scientific journal Nature.

The McMaster team found the compound worked to resensitize resistant bacteria that contain the NDM-1 gene, and even cleared a resistant infection from a mouse.

Wright says the compound, called aspergillomarasmime A or AMA, interferes with the NDM-1 gene's source of zinc. The gene needs zinc to work.

Aspergillus versicolor, a fungus found in a soil sample from Nova Scotia, that may fight antibiotic resistance. MCMASTER UNIVERSITY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Much testing remains to be done to see if this compound could be used safely and successfully in people. But the hope is it could be taken in combination with antibiotics to help prolong the lifespans of these critical infection-fighting drugs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The 13th annual Marine Advanced Technology Education Remotely Operated Vehicle International Competition takes place Thursday through Saturday. The competition is expected to bring hundreds of people to Michigan's northeastern Lower Peninsula, The Alpena News reported. "These teams are the best of the best in their classes, competing against each other," said Sarah Waters, sanctuary education and outreach co-ordinator. "All the robots are designed differently and each team brings some different skill or design with them to the competition."

An opening ceremony takes place Thursday morning, when teams will be given an overview of the competition and start setting up. Teams will work with their robots in a large tank and judges will be evaluating their performance along with engineering and other factors.

The tank used for the competition holds 2.27 million litres of water. Spectators are encouraged to come and watch teams navigate through the missions on a live feed. An online stream of the competition also is expected.

"This setting gives teams a feel of a ship on the water doing research, and forces them to deal with outside elements," Waters said.

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Cousteau studying Florida Keys reef

Fabien Cousteau (grandson of Jacques Cousteau) waves from inside Aquarius Reef Base, a laboratory 63 feet below the surface in the waters off Key Largo, in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A team of filmmakers and researchers dove with Cousteau on June 1 to Aquarius. They've been studying the effects of climate change and pollutants such as fertilizers on the reef. WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bristol University

Ancient artifacts uncovered

Amazing what you can find when you do a good clean out. Bristol University in Britain learned this firsthand when researchers discovered a box containing materials from archaeologist Sir Leonard Woolley's dig of the Sumerian city of Ur tucked away on top of a cupboard. Researchers determined that the box's contents were 4,500 years old. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York City

Stab victim craves fast food

New York City police say a man has been treated for a non-life-threatening injury after walking into a McDonald's restaurant with a kitchen knife stuck in his back. The chief of detectives told reporters that investigators have recovered video of the argument between four men that preceded the Tuesday stabbing.

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British Airways

Couple flies to the wrong Grenada

A Washington couple is suing British Airways after they say the airline ruined their vacation by booking them tickets to the Caribbean island of Grenada instead of Granada, Spain. Edward Gamson and Lowell Canaday say in their lawsuit that last fall they wanted to travel from Washington to London and then to Granada, Spain.

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The next chapter

Barnes & Noble turns page on Nook e-reader

Barnes & Noble hopes to survive by splitting in two. The largest U.S. brick-and-mortar bookseller said Wednesday that it plans to split off its Nook e-reader division as it looks to boost shareholder value. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Privacy

Cops must get search warrants for phones in U.S.

In a strong defence of digital age privacy, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that police may not generally search the cellphones of people they arrest without first getting search warrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hacking trial ends in Britain

But the story continues.
PM David Cameron and media titan Rupert Murdoch still dealing with fallout from scandal

Britain's epic tabloid phone-hacking trial ended Wednesday with a hung jury on two final counts — and a judge's rebuke for Prime Minister David Cameron, whose televised comments about the case while it was still underway almost scuttled proceedings.

Cameron is already under pressure for his ties to the only person convicted at the trial, former News of the World tabloid editor — and ex-Downing Street communications director — Andy Coulson.

Coulson's conviction for conspiracy to hack phones was also unwelcome news for Rupert Murdoch, his former employer, and raises the possibility of a corporate prosecution for Murdoch's media behemoth, News Corp.

Senior Murdoch executives have already been questioned by U.K. police investigating wrongdoing at his British tabloids, and the Guardian newspaper reported Wednesday that detectives want to question Murdoch "under caution" — meaning as a potential suspect.

On Tuesday, a jury unanimously convicted Coulson of conspiring to hack phones. e hacking, bribing officials and obstructing police. Rebekah Brooks, the former chief executive of Murdoch's British newspapers, was acquitted. Her husband Charlie Brooks and three of her former employees also were cleared. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE NEAR-DEATH THAT WASN'T

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John Mazerolle
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I've never had great life skills, but I've come to realize I don't have great death skills, either.

I was in an accident recently where I could have been killed — this happens to me every three years or so — and the impact it had was, well, absolutely nothing.

Shouldn't I be inspired or something?

In my defence, it wasn't much of a near-death experience: I fell off my bicycle at a busy intersection.

To the people who saw the accident, it likely looked less like a matter of life and death and more like a schmuck faceplanting comically into the pavement. But, if it had a laugh track for them, it was Adagio for Strings playing in my head, as I tumbled in slow motion toward the pavement and thought, "I might get run over before I have a chance to turn around."

Fortunately the driver behind me was not on his phone, so my corpse did not end up on Instagram with a filter giving my skin a healthier tone than it ever had in life.

Which leads to my first lacking death skill: Isn't my life supposed to flash before my eyes? The message from most inspirational speakers is that "one day your life will flash before your eyes, so you'd best make it a good show" or some such. But when I fell, all I saw was the streetcar track I wiped out on, the pavement, and the truck grill.

I'd been promised a Vine of my life's greatest moments, and instead it would have been like I was browsing stock photography. If the car had hit me the last images before death would have been a close-up of an interracial handshake and a woman way too happy about her salad. Not that I'm ungrateful. I totally prefer being alive.

In fact, immediately afterward I decided to celebrate. I was alive! Time to live! This led to my second death deficiency: My big response to near-death was to get a fancy coffee with whipped cream on it.

I'm not sure which is sadder: That this is my idea of living it up, or that my response to avoiding death was to order a drink that would push me closer to it.

Finally, and most damningly, the accident did nothing to motivate me into a better life. It freaked me out for a few hours, because we're just bags of meat that should have 'FRAGILE' stamped on our bodies. But that's it.

I've done nothing to improve myself, felt no more in touch with my life, nor started a charity like Cyclists Against Faceplanting in Traffic.

When I faced my own mortality in the past — at a funeral or during an accident — my immediate response was a figurative roller-coaster ride: euphoria, disappointment, levelling off.

Now I feel fragile for a couple of hours, have an expensive coffee and write a column. I think I'm OK with that.

But change my life in a big, noticeable way?

Well, that'll be the day that I die.

ON TRACK

The SEFT-1 was designed by two artists to explore their country's railways that are no longer in use. COURTESY SEFT-1 PROJECT

Artists create sci-fi car for railroads

A pair of Mexican artists have brought their country's abandoned railways back to life — by taking a sci-fi aluminium car for a ride on them.

Ivan Puig and Andrés Padilla built the SEFT-1 (Probe Exploration Manned Railway) car to explore how once useful railroads still have a purpose.

The SEFT-1 is a vehicle with an aluminum body fit for sitting two crew members (called Los Ferronautas). The silver car is also capable on riding on land with the use of rubber tires.

According to the project creators, the SEFT-1 aims to make a survey using photography, video, audio and text of the isolated areas it visits. METRO

By the numbers

9,000

Number of kilometres the artists travelled across Mexico and Ecuador, from 2010 - 2012 in SEFT-1.

Artists' viewpoint

"It's a transdisciplinary art project, one of public interaction and diffusion, which proposes the exploration of disused railway tracks as a starting point for reflection and research."

Ivan Puig and Andrés Padilla

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If you're anything like us, you've long thought the biggest problem with mountain biking was that it's just not dangerous enough. Careering down hills, weaving between towering trees, ricocheting off rocks — YAWN!

Now, if we could somehow mix the speed, exhilaration and wind-through-the hair excitement of mountain biking with the assorted dangers of traversing a major city. Now we're talking. Thankfully, the good people of Bratislava arrange such a thing once a year and this is what it looks like. (EpicTV/YouTube)

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Don't assume LaBruce is happy about getting a retrospective

Skin Flicks. A look back at your work means that 'they're either trying to praise you or bury you,' says filmmaker Bruce

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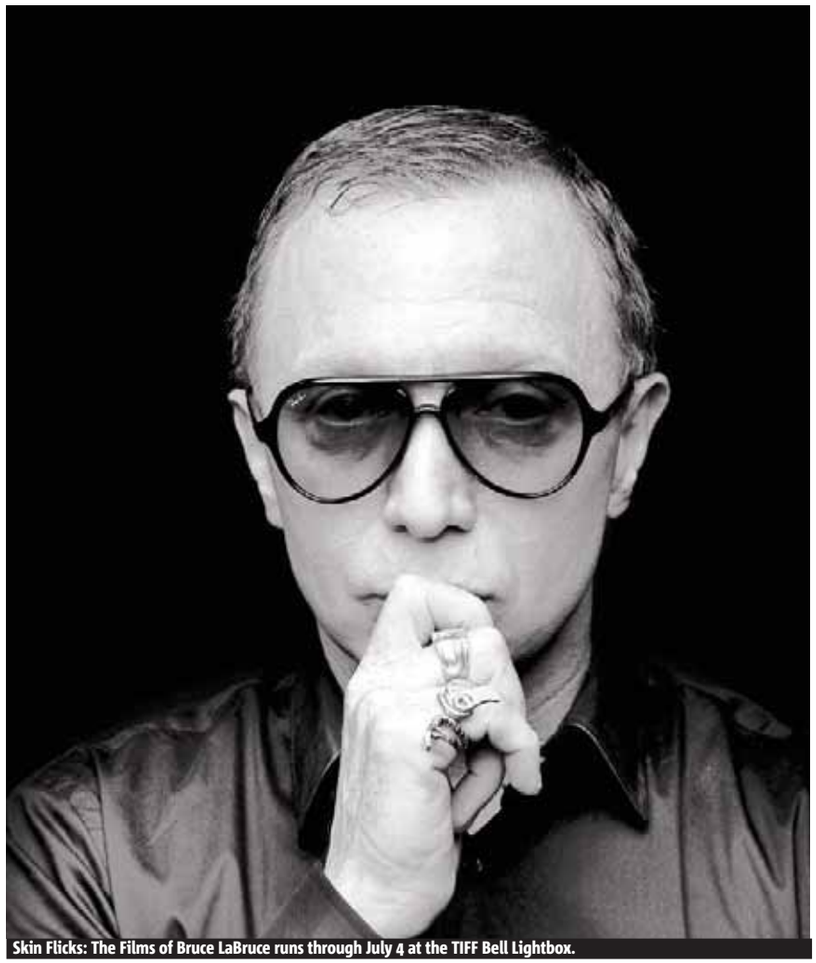

Skin Flicks: The Films of Bruce LaBruce runs through July 4 at the TIFF Bell Lightbox.

To hear Bruce LaBruce tell it, a retrospective of your past work is never a good thing.

"When they start throwing retrospectives of you, they're either trying to praise you or bury you."

While the Toronto filmmaker, visual artist and writer is unsure which of the two categories he falls into, audiences can decide for themselves. The TIFF Bell Lightbox is currently hosting Skin Flicks: The Films of Bruce LaBruce, featuring many of his short films and features, including several new digital prints. He's also featured in the Lightbox's current Queer Outlaw Cinema exhibit.

A genuine iconoclast, LaBruce's films regularly blur the lines between art and pornography, but almost always with a satirical bent. Their depictions of sex — several have been released in "hardcore" cuts — have ensured they rarely reach a mainstream audience. Retrospectives let fans play catch up.

"They're a little more obscure," he admits. "They're more like art objects."

The idea of creating anything for the art world would have incensed the young LaBruce, who co-founded the groundbreaking queercore punk zine J.D.s in the early 1980s and steadfastly refused to identify as an artist.

"I've capitulated a bit over the years," he admits.

Yet the punk spirit is still alive. His 2010 feature L.A. Zombie was filmed "guerilla style," without permits, in Los Angeles. But LaBruce admits, "as you get older, that gets harder on the nerves."

His latest film, Gerontophilia, is a stark contrast. Described as the "gay Harold and Maude," it boasted a budget in the millions and is perhaps LaBruce's most tender and mainstream-friendly film to date.

While a retrospective may be an attempt to pigeonhole LaBruce as a particular kind of filmmaker, he says he won't go quietly.

"They've been trying to bury me for a while."

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The films of Bruce LaBruce

Some of LaBruce's films that are currently screening at the Lightbox

- **No Skin Off My Ass — LaBruce's debut feature film introduces many of the themes he'd explore in his later work.**
- **Super 8 1/2 — a riff on the famed Fellini flick, a young adult actor is exploited by a lesbian documentary filmmaker.**
- **Hustler White — tells the story of gay Santa Monica hustler Monti Ward.** Scenes from the film were used in the Misogyny music video by rock band Rusty, exposing LaBruce's work to a whole new audience.

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Stephen King killing it Under the Dome

Tilting at TV. Horror author "jumped at the chance" to bump off beloved series regulars in second season opener

Stephen King on the set of Under The Dome. CBS

Writing for television doesn't scare Stephen King.

The best-selling author has written the first episode of the second season of Under the Dome, which begins Monday on CBS and Global.

The sci-fi drama, a ratings success last summer, is based on King's novel of the same name. It's about the residents of a small New England town named Chester's Mill cut off from the rest of the world by a transparent, indestructible dome. Mike Vogel, Dean Norris and Montreal native Rachelle Lefevre star.

King, who is also a producer on the series, told a gathering of international press on the set that he's watching a lot more television these days. Shows such as True Detective, The Killing and Orange is the New Black, he feels, are tilting television toward what he sees as a more novelistic approach.

The 66-year-old author used to read during his evenings off, but King says more and more he spends nights catching up on a favourite show. "I have as much of a tendency to binge watch as anyone else."

He singles out HBO's True Detective, starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson, as a show that has "changed the whole landscape of what TV does."

King likes these new shows where none of the characters are safe and anybody can go at any time. It was in that spirit he wrote this first new episode of Under the Dome. King says he "jumped at the chance to kill off a couple of loved series regulars."

That kind of peril is lacking in traditional TV dramas such as the CSI and Law & Order franchises, he feels. "Those shows are unrealistic in the sense that, every week, there's a new case and it's all wrapped up at the end."

King sees FX's The Shield as an early game changer. "It was a successful show that had a continuing storyline," he says. Plus "the main character on The Shield was not a nice person. He was a bad guy."

TV dramas have become more novelistic, says King, a trend that hearkens back to the heyday of the miniseries. King was part of that scene in 1991 as writer/director of Stephen King's Golden Years, which, like Under The Dome, was a CBS summer series. It only lasted one season. "I don't know if I did a bad job or was ahead of my time," says King.

He tried again with Kingdom Hospital, which aired the spring and summer of 2004 on ABC. The spooky hospital drama — triggered, in part, by King's own medical trauma after being hit by a car in 1999 — was an adaptation of a Danish miniseries.

King feels he was ahead of the cable curve with that series, especially after watching and admiring a more recent Danish-inspired effort, The Killing.

He says he was "just bowled over" by the Netflix series Orange is the New Black and likes House of Cards, although he feels the first season was better than Season 2.

Two foreign favourites are The Return, a French drama he calls "an amazing piece of work," and The Fall, a British drama starring Gillian Anderson.

He cheers on any series that adopts a novelistic approach. Even a network drama like The Blacklist, where you can see characters develop, "has a novelistic tinge to it," says King.

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Stephen King

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Film. Chicago to be site of new George Lucas museum

Hollywood legend George Lucas's museum will be setting up home in Chicago, it has been announced.

The Lucas Museum of Narrative Art (LMNA) will be constructed on a 17-acre site on the city's museum campus.

"We are honoured to be partnering with the city of Chicago and the many cultural, educational and community groups that have come forward with ideas about how the LMNA will add to their work," said Lucas.

The lakefront location is expected to open in 2018 and will house some of the treasures Lucas has amassed throughout his glittering career as a filmmaker.

LMNA will combine narrative art with the evolution of the visual image, focusing on everything from illustration to cinema to the digital arts. Architectural renders for the site are expected to be submitted in the fall. AFP

George Lucas. TOSHIFUMI KITAMURA/AFP

Adult film star Sasha Grey in the 2009 film The Girlfriend Experience, which is being adapted for television. CONTRIBUTED

TV. Starz, Soderbergh cosy up with Girlfriend series

According to Deadline, Starz has commissioned a first season of The Girlfriend Experience, an adaptation of Steven Soderbergh's 2009 film.

After the success of Behind the Candelabra, broadcast as a TV movie, Steven Soderbergh seems to have turned television into his new playground.

While The Knick, his medical drama starring Clive Owen, will premiere on Cinemax on August 8, the Sex, Lies, and Videotape director will produce the adaptation of his film The Girlfriend Experience for Starz.

The first season will be made up of 13 half-hour episodes and it will explore the ambiguous relations between escort girls and their clients.

It will follow an anthology format, with each episode focusing on a different character and point of view.

Lodge Kerrigan (Kean, The Killing) and Amy Seimetz (The Killing as well) will write and direct. As of yet, no air date has been announced. AFP

Tabloids

From press scandal to play

After months of courtroom drama comes phone hacking, the play. Britain's National Theatre said its next production will be "an anarchic satire about the press, the police and the political establishment" titled Great Britain.

The company says the play is fiction, but the description recalls the scandal over wrongdoing at Rupert Murdoch's now-defunct News of the World tabloid.

Former Doctor Who star Billie Piper plays an ambitious editor on a scoop-hungry tabloid in the play by Richard Bean, author of hit farce One Man, Two Guvnors. The cast has been rehearsing without knowing when opening night would be. They had to await verdicts in the trial of ex-editors Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Can you feel the love tonight? Elton John can't

Elton John was flying the unfriendly skies recently, reportedly getting into a vicious shouting match with husband David Furnish in front of friends aboard a private jet bound for the recent Bonnaroo music festival in Tennessee, according to Radar Online. "Elton and David flew a few friends with them to the gig, and they all know Elton gets pissed when something isn't completely on his schedule. One of the cars carrying his friends was late. He got super-annoyed and even more so when David told him he was basically acting like a brat," a source says. "David calling out Elton sent him into a huge rage. He even went so far as to threaten to pull support for the (Elton John AIDS) Foundation, knowing it's one of the things that means the most to David." Things were very tense for a moment until John excused himself. "Elton went in a separate part of the plane for a while and cooled off. When he came back he played it off by making a joke about it," the source says. "It's a common occurrence between Elton and David, but definitely went further than their friends have seen before."

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The Word

Gary Oldman says sorry for just a little bit of his bigotry

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Gary Oldman has had a lot of time to do some soul-searching since Tuesday, when it became known that he'd said some terrible things about Jews, black people, and gay people. He has realized that he is deeply sorry for some of it.

Among Oldman's many colourful remarks to Playboy, he opined that Mel Gibson only got in trouble for spouting anti-Semitic epithets because he's "in a town run by Jews." Whatever else is going on in Oldman's withered old brain, he does at least understand that the ol' Nazi refrain "Jews control the media" is not a road you want to go down, and he said as much in an open letter to the Anti-Defamation League.

"I am deeply remorseful that comments I recently made in the Playboy Interview were offensive to many Jewish people," Oldman wrote, according to Page Six. "Upon reading my comments in print — I see how insensitive they may be, and how they may indeed contribute to the furtherance of a false stereotype."

They do indeed contribute to that! However, speaking as a Jewish person: Come on, man. Don't single us out. If you're going to apologize to the people you offended, apologize to all of them.

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@RuPaul
Quick Reminder: Never Google yourself, unless in the company of a life coach or therapist

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In my next life I hope to come back as a cat. The oldest cat ever. A vegetarian cat who surfs. And lives in The Netherlands.

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Ah, the decline of journalism: From Woodward and Bernstein cracking Watergate to Buzzfeed telling me which Disney Princess I'm most like.

Adam Levine

'I did not have sexual intercourse with Lindsay Lohan,' says Adam Levine

It seems like Lindsay Lohan's leaked list of sexual conquests is going to haunt every famous name it contains for quite some time. Case in point: Maroon 5 front man Adam Levine had to take time out of his recent interview with Howard Stern to follow James Franco's cue and deny any intimate connection to Lohan. "By the way, you were listed on Lindsay Lohan's sex list, that you had sex with her. I didn't know this," Stern offered, to which Levine promptly shot back, "That's not true. I did not have sexual intercourse with Lindsay Lohan." Stern then pointed out that no one on the list has confessed to actually having earned their spot. "That's because I think we're being truthful about that very specific thing," Levine responded. "I can f–ing see it on the paper, I'm getting much better at this."

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Artful android: Here she comes now, sayin' Monáe, Monáe

Trending on her own terms. Janelle frees her 'soul' through her look and lyrics on the run-up to her summer tour

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

"Embrace the things that make you feel unique, even if it makes others feel uncomfortable," says singer-songwriter Janelle Monáe. That maxim is something Monáe has perfected. The Kansas-born artist, like her time-travelling robot alter-ego Cindi Mayweather, isn't one to conform to outdated stereotypes. She's a feminist, womanist, and apparently an android. It's an attitude that the 28-year-old, who is touring this summer, takes into her albums The ArchAndroid and The Electric Lady, which deal with social and racial restriction. Even her artistry can't be straightjacketed into sound or style conventions: the Little Richard-esque quiff and her monochrome era-transcending tuxedo ensembles are as redefining as her sci-fi R&B soul, which seamlessly straddles a multitude of musical genres.

You're one of the musicians involved in the Pepsi Beats of the Beautiful Game campaign, where you, like the footballers, have your own (monochrome) team strip. But when do you intend to go for a different look?
Whenever I look at the moon and make that decision. I'm exercising my right and my freedom as a citizen to wear what I want.

Speaking of strip, is it true that you took some of your early tracks from The Electric Lady to a strip club to see how the dancers moved to it?
Oh yeah, absolutely.

Have you been back since?
I've been back since. I love watching people dance and the album is centred around women and I want to understand every type of woman: strippers, college students, the artist, the ghetto woman, the Queen. I definitely went to the strip club to do research and to understand their story.

Suit or birthday suit

I'm a free person who is taking the opportunity to be in control of their image: if I want to be naked one day I can and if I want to wear a tuxedo that's fine.
Janelle Monáe

Janelle Monáe hopes to inspire her fellow females to take control of their own image. CONTRIBUTED

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You've talked about redefining the idea of sexy. What's your ideal?
I don't have an ideal of sexy; I don't go out of my way to be sexy. If you are [sexy], you don't have to try. For me personally, I'm a free person who is taking the opportunity to be in control of their image: If I want to be naked one day I can, and if I want to wear a tuxedo that's fine.

Do you think that women in the music industry are pressurized into a certain 'sex sells' image?
Well, I think when you come into the music industry there's this notion that because you're a woman, you need to dress a certain way. I want to let people know that that's not true. You just need to get to a certain level of success and be a cover girl [Monáe is also the face of beauty brand CoverGirl] and create your own image — people will love that. You don't have to take the same co-ordinates to reach a destination.

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Stuffed Duck Breast with Marjoram Jus.

This dish offers a touch of sophistication that is sure to wow guests and takes just three steps

"If the stuffing isn't cooked before filling the duck breasts, this dish will require more cooking time, which will overcook the duck and toughen the meat," writes Jean-Paul Grappe in his book Basil, Thyme, Coriander and Other Herbs.

This dish can be served over fingerling potatoes, green beans and spinach.

Ingredients

Stuffing
- 2 oz (60 g) duck thighs, trimmed
- 2 oz (60 g) duck liver
- 2 slices of bread
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) heavy cream (35%)
- 1 egg white
- 1 tbsp potato starch or corn starch
- 1 1/4 cups (90 g) marjoram, chopped finely
- Salt and pepper

- 4 duck breasts, 8 oz (240 g) each
- Salt and pepper
- 2 oz (60 g) duck fat
- 2 oz (60 g) Armagnac
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) thickened store-bought demi-glace
- 1/2 cup (120 g) butter

This recipe serves four. PIERRE BEAUCHEMIN

1. Grind the first six ingredients for the stuffing twice with a medium disc in a meat grinder. Add the marjoram, salt, and pepper, and mix well. Make 4 small rolls the same length as the duck breasts, wrap them in plastic wrap and tie the ends. Cook them in 212 F (100 C) water, for 5 to 6 minutes. Cool in cold water. Set aside.

2. Butterfly the duck breasts and season with salt and pepper. Fill with the cooked rolls of stuffing. Close and season with salt and pepper. Set aside. In a sauté pan, heat the duck fat and sear the breasts skin side down for 2 to 3 minutes. Do the same for the other side. Put a lid on slightly askew and cook on medium heat for 7 to 8 minutes. Remove the excess cooking fat from the pan and flambé the breasts in Armagnac. Remove them from the pan and keep warm. In the same pan, add the thickened duck stock and finish the sauce with butter. Adjust the seasoning.

3. Pour the sauce onto the bottom of the plate. Slice the breasts and serve on top of the sauce. **EXCERPTED FROM BASIL, THYME, CORIANDER AND OTHER HERBS BY JEAN-PAUL GRAPPE (FITZHENRY & WHITESIDE, 2014)**

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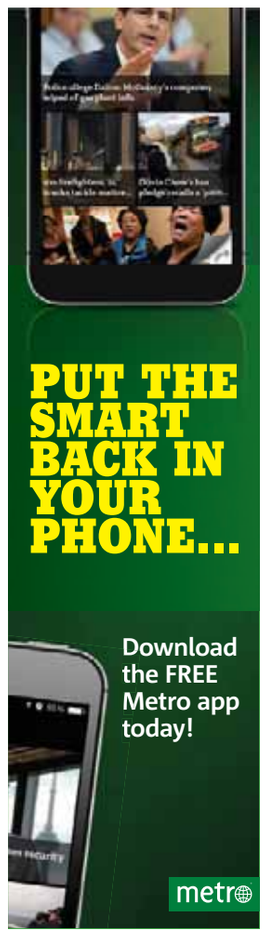

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5 reel moments in Canadian film history

Did Canada fund a "porn flick?"

If you paid taxes in the '90s, you helped fund what some people swear is a porn flick.

I'm talking about Bubbles Galore, a 1996 film made with more than $100,000 in government grant money and starring real-life adult actress Nina Hartley. Canadian politicians and right-wing newspaper columnists denounced it as a "lesbo porn flick," "a monstrosity," and "scum."

The filmmaker called it an expression "of the right of women to take control of their image."

So what was it? A clever parody of the adult film industry or a soft-core porn masquerading as satire? Hear what adult film actress Nina Hartley told Metro about Bubbles Galore at metronews.ca/abcsofcanadianfilm.

The little sci-fi movie that could

What do a handful of unknown actors, a single Toronto soundstage and $600,000 get you? How about worldwide fame and undisputed status as a sci-fi cult classic.

At least that's what happened with Cube, the 1997 sci-fi film about seven strangers who find themselves stuck in a mysterious maze of interconnecting, fiendishly booby-trapped cubic rooms.

One of its more memorable scenes, in which a man is sliced into hundreds of flesh cubes by a fine metal mesh, even has the dubious honour of being homaged (some might say ripped off) in the first Resident Evil film. Watch the scene and judge for yourself on the site.

The first Canadian horror movie

From Black Christmas to Resident Evil, the Great White North has been a prolific producer of some of the best films the genre has to offer. But that's just the tip of the icepick.

The first-ever Canadian horror movie was 1961's The Mask. It was a trippy drive-in film about a man who puts on a grotesque haunted mask and is enveloped in an acid-trip netherworld of floating skulls and dancing demons. The possessed dream scenes, shot in 3D, are still pretty damn creepy today.

Get out your 3D glasses and watch The Mask in its entirety, and see our list of the top 10 Canadian horror movies ever made online.

Canuxploitation

Nifty word, isn't it? Back in the 1970s, the government created something called the 100 per cent Capital Cost Allowance (CCA), suddenly making it financially attractive to produce films here. These so-called tax-shelter years produced some of the weirdest, bloodiest and most influential Canadian films ever made. Black Christmas (pictured), My Bloody Valentine, and David Cronenberg's The Brood are just a few of the more popular Canuxploitation flicks to emerge from the tax shelter.

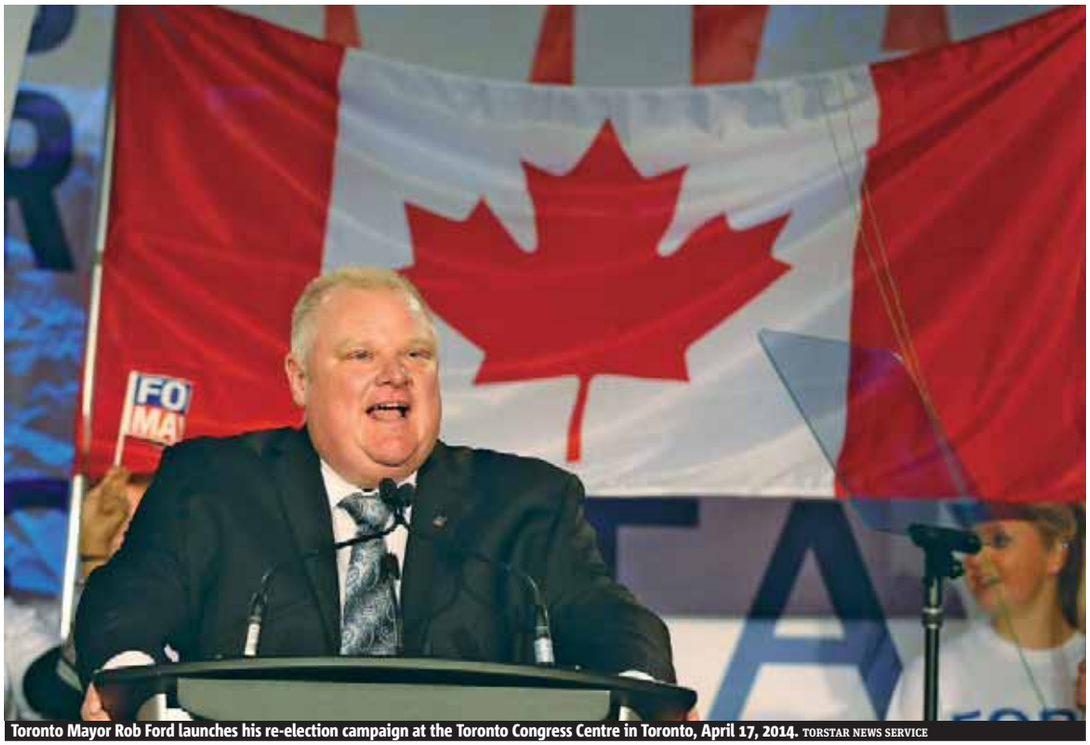
Discovering Xavier Dolan

If you don't know the name already, you probably will soon. Xavier Dolan is Canada's hottest cultural commodity since the Trailer Park Boys. At just 25 years old, the young Montreal director is quickly becoming the new golden boy of Canadian cinema, and he's only made five movies.

With a recent Jury Prize win at Cannes, Dolan is poised to break out of the festival scene and start making international box office hits.

Get to know this up-and-coming Canadian superstar before he makes his first blockbuster on the site, where we explore his first-ever feature-length film, I Killed My Mother.

So you think you're a real Canadian, eh?



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford launches his re-election campaign at the Toronto Congress Centre in Toronto, April 17, 2014. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trivia time! Sure, you may be able to tell Bieber from a beaver, but how up are you on the latest, greatest Canadian news?

1. This cheeky Saskatchewan-based film about an unusual public servant screened at Cannes in May and is already greenlit for a sequel.
A) Constable Badger
B) Wolfcop
C) Five Alarm Vampire

2. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford unwittingly provided a public debut of his Jamaican patois in a video secretly recorded at which restaurant?
A) Steak Queen
B) The King's Carvery
C) The Jester's Jingle

3. A trio of Quebec prisoners spent a few June days on the lam after a prison escape with help from which vehicle?
A) Laundry truck
B) Helicopter
C) A prison guard's minivan

4. Much of Canada spent the winter cursing this weather phenomenon and its record-smashing cold.
A) The arctic avenue
B) The winterfell trail
C) The polar vortex

5. Which activity at the Vancouver Aquarium drew the scorn of animal activists in November?
A) Yoga With Belugas
B) Water Colours With Otters
C) Selfies With Stingrays

6. A rather rude vandal raised hackles in Windsor after crafting a public park shrub into what shape?
A) A middle finger
B) A penis
C) A crack pipe

7. A Manitoba mom was less than pleased when her kids' school gave them which snack to "balance" their packed lunch?
A) Triscuits
B) Ritz Crackers
C) Goldfish Crackers

8. Which Canadian comedy series will return to Netflix this fall after a long TV absence?
A) The Kids In The Hall
B) The Red Green Show
C) Trailer Park Boys

9. Nudists who dwell on Vancouver's Wreck Beach could barely conceal their anger over plans for what?
A) A new police tent
B) A nearby salmon hatchery
C) A weekend Starbucks kiosk

10. Justin Bieber added an Australian mayor to his enemies list after doing what in his city?
A) Spray painting a wall
B) Boxing a kangaroo
C) Driving on the wrong side of the road

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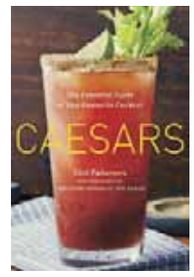
HANDOUT

Answers
Question 1: B
Question 2: A
Question 3: B
Question 4: C
Question 5: A
Question 6: B
Question 7: B
Question 8: C
Question 9: A
Question 10: A

All hail Caesar



Canuck to its core, the first Caesar was invented in 1969 at the Owl's Nest Bar in Calgary, so there is no more fitting drink to raise in honour of Canada Day.

We are mixing up three recipes from Clint Pattemore's new book Caesars: The Essential Guide to Your Favourite Cocktail (Random House) to celebrate the nation's 147th birthday.

Cucumber-infused Caesar

- 4 slices cucumber
- 2 dashes Tabasco sauce
- 3 grinds fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- 1 oz (30 ml) gin
- 4 oz (120 ml) Mott's Clamato Cocktail
- Rim: Fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- Garnish: Cucumber slice; fresh cracked salt and black pepper

In a mixing glass, muddle everything but the gin and Mott's Clamato Cocktail. Add the gin and Mott's Clamato Cocktail, and stir well to mix and spread the flavours around. Rim a highball glass and fill to the top with ice. Strain the mixture into the highball glass, and garnish.

Fireworks Caesar

- 3 dashes hot sauce
- 2 grinds fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- 1/2 jalapeño pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 green onion
- 1 oz (30 ml) blue agave tequila
- 4 oz (120 ml) Mott's Clamato Cocktail
- Rim: Celery salt with cayenne
- Garnish: Spicy prawn on a skewer

In a mixing glass, muddle everything but the tequila and Mott's Clamato Cocktail. Add the tequila and Mott's Clamato Cocktail, and stir well to mix. Rim a highball glass and fill to the top with ice. Strain the mixture into the highball glass, and garnish.

Stampede Caesar

- 1 oz (30 ml) Alberta premium rye whisky
- 4 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- 2 dashes hot sauce
- 3 pinches steak spice
- 3 grinds fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- 1 oz (30 ml) beef stock
- 3 oz (90 ml) Mott's Clamato Cocktail
- Rim: Fresh cracked salt and black pepper with steak spice
- Garnish: Grilled Alberta flank steak on a skewer

Rim a highball glass with citrus and rimmer. Fill the glass to the top with ice. Add the ingredients in the order listed. Stir well to mix the cocktail, and garnish.

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Food, drink, sparklers ... and selfies

Canada Day. Simple tips to throw the perfect barbecue

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For Metro

Canada Day long weekend is the perfect time for a backyard party. SHUTTERSTOCK

Canada Day is the perfect occasion to host a backyard party. The weather is fine, everyone is in a great mood because it's a long weekend and a national holiday, and backyards are at their best in July.

"With most other holidays being family focused, July 1st gives us the opportunity to catch up with our neighbours, and their families and friends as well," says Danielle Reid, whose family throws a huge party every Canada Day in their neighbourhood. Here's how to throw a memorable Canada Day party in your backyard.

Plan a great guest list

"Take the time to think out your guest list. You want to keep it manageable," says Reid. "We always like to make sure we spread the love around from our various circles, while not isolating anyone in the process."

She uses a simple rule of thumb: she invites guests who know at least one other person at the party besides the hosts. A backyard party is an informal occasion, so invites can go out by phone calls, emails and texts.

Provide lots of food and drink

The food doesn't have to be fancy and neither do the drinks, but it's not a real backyard summer party without an abundance of munchies and beverages.

"Everyone loves hamburgers and hotdogs and they are easy to prepare — so start with that," says Reid.

Keep it red, white and simple

In terms of serving the refreshments, purchase some colourful red cups for drinks and a couple of large galvanized steel buckets to fill with ice, suggests McNally.

"Throw some bottled water, San Pellegrino or Perrier, juices, coolers, and beer into the buckets for guests to help themselves to as needed," she says.

Create a backdrop for party photos and selfies

Guests love a good photo opportunity. Create a photography backdrop for lots of memorable group photos and Instagram selfie moments.

"Encourage guests to take photos of themselves and each other posing in front of your DIY backdrop," McNally says.

Here's how to do it: If you have a fence, tape Canadian flags to a portion of it. Or if you have a wooden fence or side of a house to work with, use sidewalk chalk or washable paint to draw a flag or write Happy Canada Day! on it.

Add music

Take your party up a notch with music. "Hire a live cover band if your budget allows it," McNally says.

The Reid family appoints a DJ to spin tunes starting from noon to the end of their party. No budget? No problem. Load up your iPod with your favourite Canadian indie-rock music and connect it to a speaker. Or you can even play music using online music streaming services such as Rdio or Songza, McNally suggests, adding that Songza probably will have a Canada Day playlist.

Add sparklers

Canada Day calls for a little bit of firecrackling fun.

"A fun centrepiece idea that is also easy to assemble and inexpensive is mason jars or galvanized silver buckets filled with sand," says McNally.

Then add paper Canada flags and sparklers stuck in the sand for guests to take out, light and wave around once the sun has gone down, she suggests.

Grilling tips

Barbecue for a crowd with these tips from Weber grill specialist, chef Michael P. Clive.

- **Prep your grill.** Scrub the grill grates, and don't forget to clean out the grease pan underneath. Keep a spare propane tank on hand.
- **Keep the lid down.** "Looking is not cooking," Clive says. Opening it up constantly to view the progress is only going to slow down the process and frustrate your hungry guests, he says.

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Tasty treats. Eats are a notch above

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For Metro

Want to celebrate Canada's birthday with something yummy to eat? While burgers and dogs are standard barbecue fare, make this July 1 weekend special with some truly Canadian eats and treats.

The eats

Why not switch up your burgers a bit and Canuck them? "For burgers, try making patties with elk, caribou or moose meat, which are lower in fat, very flavourful and increasingly easy to find in grocery stores," suggests the award-winning Canadian food and travel writer Valerie Howes, who blogs at valsopenkitchen.com.

"And then top with cranberry sauce."

Or maybe this weekend you could introduce a surf and turf theme. "Arrange Pacific- and Atlantic-Coast oysters on a bed of ice with wedges of lemon — preferably to be eaten somewhere with an ocean view," suggests Howes. When shopping for oysters, look for Canadian oysters such as Raspberry Point, Malpeque and Pacific Oysters.

And what about dessert? Twist up the traditional pie and ice cream to make it even better. "Soften vanilla ice cream slightly in the fridge and then incorporate crushed butter tarts, maple pecan pie or blueberry tarts before refreezing it," says Howes.

Or put together a Canadian flag cake — ice a sheet cake with icing or whipped cream and make the flag on top of it out of sliced fresh strawberries.

To drink

"I think a Caesar is an absolute must on Canada day," says Pamela MacNaughtan, a travel blogger at savoirfaireabroad.com.

And while the Clamato juice and vodka drink is a Canuck classic, take that drink up a notch to impress your guests. "If you're making Caesars, lose the celery and pop a cooked lobster claw into the glass."

HOORAY FOR CANADA DAY

NOTHING LIKE MAGIC OF A LIVE CONCERT

Let the music play! Most communities and neighbourhoods in the GTA host family-friendly Canada Day activities, and live music is always on the agenda.

And when you're listening to one of your favourite bands, you're surrounded by hundreds of other fans, and the concert is right smack dab in the middle of summer … well, it might possibly become the highlight of the year.

While music is the main event, there are lots of other things to do, too, including special activities for kids, a fireworks extravaganza at the end of the day, and lots of great food.

At Mel Lastman Square, for example, there's a feature musical performance by NQ Arbuckle as well as circus performers. Also, children can get their faces painted with a maple leaf or the Canadian flag.

At Centennial Park, the 15th annual Toronto Ribfest gets going early in the day with a full lineup of musical entertainment including the Slime Dogs, New Hollywood, and Mason Dixon, a special Kidz Zone with acts such as Phil the Magic Guy, and lots of ribs.

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At Celebration Square in Mississauga, the city's official party puts the spotlight on live performances by artists JRDN and Alyssa Reid as well as circus performers, a drum station, and a samba troupe performance. Enjoy delicious food, and don't miss the grand finale fireworks.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE MOST OF CANADA DAY?

• When you arrive, get your bearings. Scope out where everything is such as entertainment stages, kids' area, food stalls, first aid, washrooms, etc.

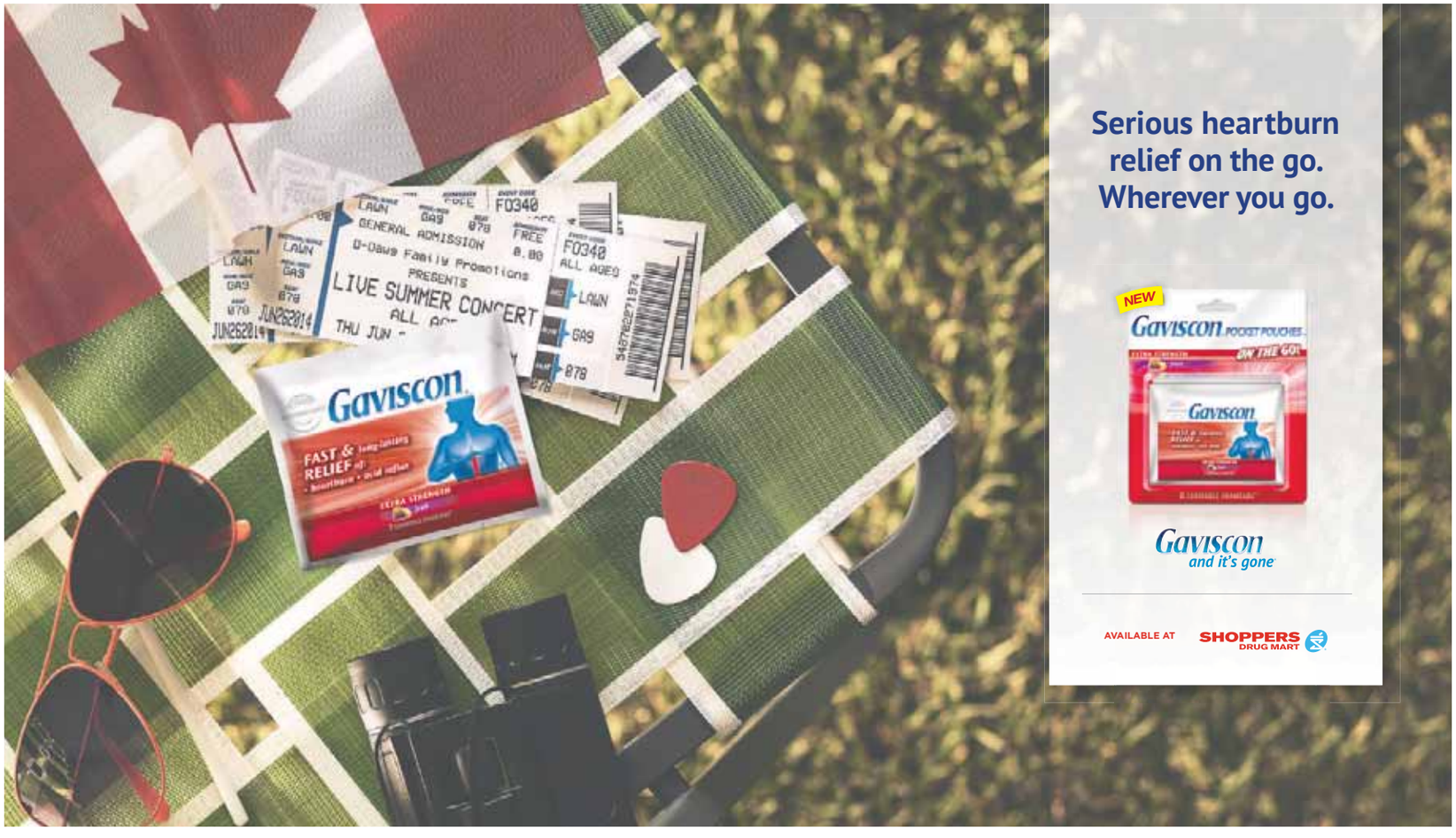
• Make sure everyone's got their phone but pick a place that is easy to find and agree on it being a meeting place if anyone gets lost. One way to do that is to bring foldable chairs and set up a 'base camp' under trees. Everyone can take turns wandering around — and relaxing.

• Bring your appetite because all your favourites will be at the refreshment stands — those foot-long hotdogs and warm pretzels are all part of the experience.

• Dress for comfort. Check the weather forecast before you leave — and bring rain gear if need be. Be sure that everyone in the family wears comfortable shoes and clothing.

WHAT TO PACK IN YOUR FESTIVAL KIT

- Water
- Power bars
- Tickets
- Money
- Sunscreen
- Phone
- Mini flags
- Heartburn medication
- Bug spray



Get your red and white on

Value Village has everything you need for Canada Day celebrations, for less

Looking to show some patriotism this Canada Day?

You don't have to spend a fortune on brand new clothes or home accessories in red and white. Your local Value Village has all the quality used clothing and household items you need to do justice to the birth of our nation — or at least celebrate it in style.

The aisles at Value Village are packed with potential. Every Value Village stocks an ever-changing selection of about 100,000 items on the sales floor, and since 5,000 to 10,000 new items are added to the sale floor each day, there's always something fresh, whether you're looking for a one-time Canada Day outfit (red and white all over, of course), or something to treasure forever.

"At Value Village you can find clothing and accessories from many eras and designers in one place," explains Tony Shumpert, Vice President of recycling operations for Value Village. "Style is all about creativity and individualism, and keeping fashion interesting requires your imagination.

"In a traditional retail environment it's next to impossible to find such a diverse selection. We have so much to offer that it's hard not to find something good," says Shumpert. "It's a great way to discover that unique piece that nobody else has — we have some real gems."

You'll find that uniqueness factor in the housewares section just as much as you will in the clothing aisles.

Impress your friends when they come over for a Canada Day barbecue: make the cake batter in a mint green mixing bowl. Adorn your table with wheat bouquets in a vintage milk bottle. Carve your steaks with antler-handled steak knives. Serve your grilled meal on a fun mix-and-match array of plates.

"You never know what you'll find here," says Shumpert. "There's always something fun and interesting."

Visit valuevillage.com.

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If you aren't using them...

In Canada, green is our way of life — not just because of our vast forests and grasslands, but because of the way individual Canadians have embraced the three Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Be a part of the green movement this Canada Day: shop second-hand and donate your reusable clothes and household items at organizations like Value Village.

On average, each North American throws away more than 68 pounds of clothing and textiles each year. Buck the trend.

Nearly 100 per cent of used clothing is reusable or recyclable, so instead of tossing the items you don't need anymore into the trash, donate them.

Value Village is one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world – keeping more than 1.8 million pounds (that's 600 mid-size cars!) of quality goods from landfills each day by selling reusable items in-store and responsibly recycling items unsuitable for resale.

Last year, 329 million tops, 59 million pairs of shoes, 114 million pairs of pants and 28 million coats were repurposed.

Donating your reusable clothing and household items at Value Village is a win-win. Your items will be diverted from a landfill, preserving the environment and helping reduce greenhouse gas in the atmosphere that would result from its decomposition.

IT STARTED WITH PURPLE HEART THRIFT STORE IN 1954

Value Village has its roots as the Purple Heart Thrift Store, which opened its doors in 1954 in an old theatre in San Francisco's Mission District.

Much as the company has grown and evolved, but its values have remained constant.

"For 60 years our purpose has been to do well while doing good at the same time," explains Tony Shumpert, vice president of recycling operations for Value Village.

In that first store, Value Village founder William Ellison partnered with charitable organization the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Within 12 years the company had expanded to stores across California, Oregon and Washington, and in 1971 the company moved its headquarters to Seattle.

In 1980, the company opened its first international store: Value Village on Hastings Street in Vancouver, partnered with the Developmental Disabilities Association.

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A touch of Europe on the Humber

New developments. This emerging condo community mixes Old World charm with new-age whimsy

CONDO TRENDS
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A new wave of condo developments is springing up along the Humber River.

The area surrounding Eglinton Avenue and Scarlett Road in North Etobicoke is an established Toronto neighbourhood with a taste of old Europe. It's an emerging Toronto condo community with an interesting mix of old country delis and restos with new-age cafés and health food stores.

Transit-wise, the area is well-served by the TTC and future Eglinton Crosstown LRT. It's quick and easy to get on the highway, to the airport or to the downtown core.

An added advantage of living here is the Humber River trail system that winds its way south from Caledon. You can bike, rollerblade or walk the picturesque valley all the way down to Old Mill and Lake Shore.

This is an area where generations of family members stay close to home. There's an interesting combination of older and younger folks buying condos with the common thread that they're all from the area.

Retirees are selling their million-dollar homes in the area and downsizing to condos, according to Pianosi Development's Kent Fortune.

"They all live in the neighbourhood and what we're getting is people not wanting all the maintenance and management of such a large home but want to stay where they live, so they look at the condo as a nice, easy way to transition into that."

Inside Pianosi's Perspective. CONTRIBUTED

Pianosi's Perspective is a two-tower project overlooking the Humber River with a five-storey podium.

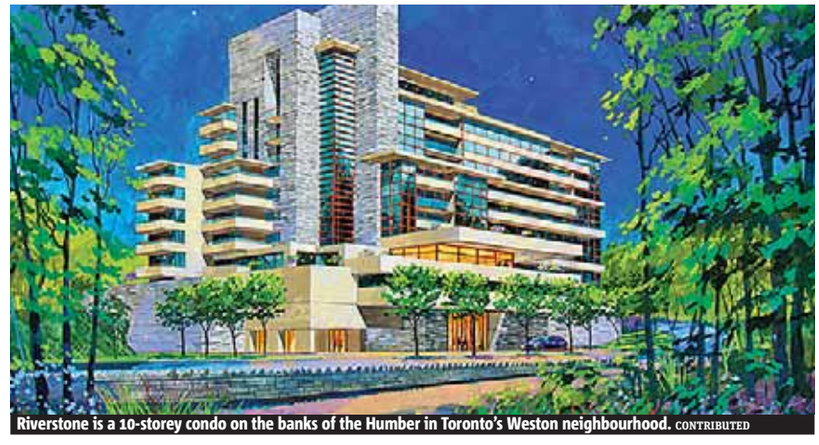
And the development is attracting multiple family members.

"We find we've got a number, I'd say five or six families, that have purchased with the intention of living in the condo together," says Fortune. "It's very unique to this site; you don't see that very often. We get a lot of kids that want to stay close to their parents, want to stay close to that neighbourhood they've lived in their whole life."

Further up the Humber, the Riverstone is a 10-storey, 131-unit condominium on the banks of the Humber River in Toronto's Weston neighbourhood.

Inspired by the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, the building features geothermal heating and cooling. It's a five-minute walk to the Weston GO station and the condo boasts a panoramic view of the Humber River.

Pianosi's Perspective is a two-tower project with a five-storey podium overlooking the Humber River. CONTRIBUTED



Riverstone is a 10-storey condo on the banks of the Humber in Toronto's Weston neighbourhood. CONTRIBUTED

Legal Matters

Protecting the family home

We are buying a new home and I want to avoid being noted on title because I work in a high-risk industry and don't want to put our family home at risk if something were to happen at work (i.e. repossession). My bank says my spouse can't qualify for the mortgage by himself as he is a stay-at-home dad, so they want me to put my name on title. How can I avoid this?

LEGAL MATTERS
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Typically, the person who qualifies for the mortgage has to be on title to the property being mortgaged so their creditworthiness is backing the money being lent by the bank.

If you are in a job that has personal credit risk and are trying to avoid putting the family house at risk, you can request to be entered on the mortgage as a guarantor so you are basically indicating that you will pay the mortgage if there is a problem, but the house isn't subject to credit recovery issues. Your name will not appear on title.

Remember, if you are married it doesn't necessarily mean that your spouse's debts are yours, But, it doesn't mean they are not yours if you own a joint asset.

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Boutique living in Roncy Village

Howard Park Phase 2 offers a stepped hillside design that blends into the Roncesvalles neighbourhood. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** Howard Park Phase 2
- **Builder.** Triumph Development
- **Architect.** RAW Design
- **Location.** Roncesvalles Village
- **Website.** howardpark.ca
- **Phone.** 416-873-0989
- **Pricing.** From the low $300,000s
- **Sizes.** From 487 to 1,452 sq. ft.
- **Building.** Eight-storey, boutique-style building with 96 units
- **Status.** Pre-construction, open to the public
- **Occupancy.** 2016

The project overview

The stepped hillside design of Howard Park matches the surrounding residential scale and respects the character of this established, central neighbourhood. Both phases are connected by a private open air park inspired by European courtyards.

Location and transit

In the heart of Roncy Village, at the corner of Howard Park and Roncesvalles avenues. Quick access to streetcars, close to the Dundas West subway and Bloor GO rail station, and, beginning in 2015, the Union-Pearson Express, zipping you either downtown or to Pearson Airport in minutes.

In the neighbourhood

Close to the vibrant strips of both College Street West and Dundas Street West. Steps from shops, schools and parks. Quaint, family-owned stores, eclectic restaurants, clubs, lounges, emerging galleries and unique shops. Steps from High Park.

Building amenities

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President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

Industry must work collaboratively with government partners to accommodate the GTA's growing population.

And on June 12, the building and development industry confirmed it will continue to work with the Ontario Liberals on the intensification targets of Places to Grow by building new homes and businesses that people across the GTA can afford to purchase.

Under Kathleen Wynne's leadership, the Liberal government has worked closely with BILD on key issues that are essential for the economic growth and prosperity of our region and province.

These issues include amending the Ontario Building Code (OBC) to allow for the construction of wood-frame buildings up to six storeys. Doing so will result in the construction of mid-rise homes that will give new homebuyers more affordable options and housing choices — two significant challenges for today's homebuyers.

Not only is it good urban planning, but it's a great way to take advantage of the 160 kilometres of urban corridors in Toronto.

BILD has also worked with the province on reviewing the Development Charges Act to improve the financial tools used in the land-use planning process. There are myriad taxes that impact the cost of new homes and businesses in Ontario, which are all paid by new home and business owners.

Our association has recommended a number of legislative and regulatory changes to achieve more predictability, transparency and accountability when it comes to development charges, Section 37 payments and parkland dedication fees. If implemented, they will result in better outcomes for new home and business owners across Ontario.

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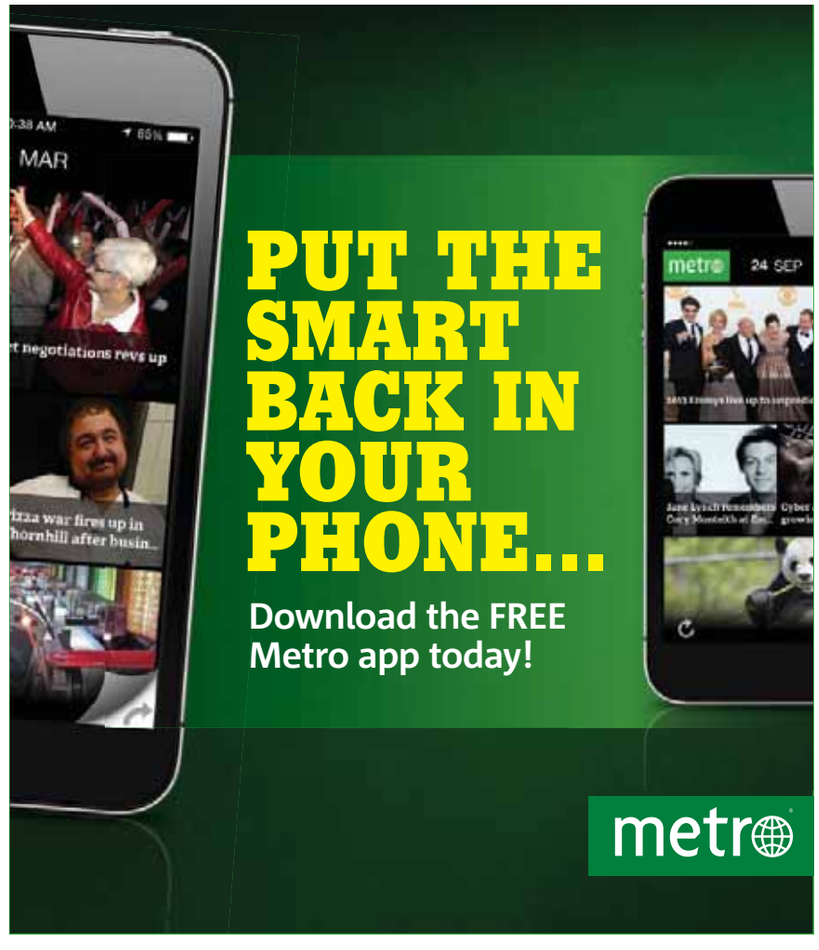

Mixing wood tones

Basics of interior design. Wood, like any other interior decorating element, has a shelf life

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One of the hardest renovating or decorating decisions is choosing wood tones for items like flooring and kitchen cabinets. Not only do they cost a lot of money, but must stand up to at least a decade of changing trends.

The secret to making the right choice is to consider how you live and what other wood elements you have gravitated to over time.

For instance, do you have a large collection of antique pine furnishings or do most of your picture frames have a certain stain colour that you enjoy? This might be the start to making a large purchase of a longer-lasting wood product for your home.

Here are some guidelines to help you choose:

Follow this example

Three-tone perfection

A room looks best when decorated with no more than three wood tones: Dark wood floors, medium wood furniture and pale wood wall create the perfect example.

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Contemporary or traditional

The lighter the wood tones, the more casual or contemporary the space will feel. The darker the tones, the more traditional or masculine the space will appear.

The magic of a trifecta

Do not incorporate more than three different woods in any given space — for instance, chestnut coloured floors, cherrywood cabinets and a pine table. More than three will look overcollected and junky.

Give inherited pieces a new finish

If you inherit a fine piece of furniture, consider having it re-finished in a more up-to-date stain that helps blend it into your established decor.

Follow big trends in small accessories

Influenced by a trend tone of wood? Use it in small furnishings like side tables or in room accessories like storage boxes or lamps.

Fell mighty 'builder' oak with paint strokes

Too much "builder" oak wood around your home? Consider painting baseboards, interior doors, mantels and stair handrails to match an existing paint colour (usually white).

Cherry-pick your colours

You can often look to your home's architecture for inspiration in wood tones. For instance, an Arts and Crafts space can feature cherry wood. Pale light tones survive well in a boxy, modern space and deep mahogany looks best in a space with historical charm.

Give matchy-matchy a pass

Matching all wood elements can look too predictable. Varying the wood's stain colour by using lighter or darker tones helps add visual variety without overwhelming the room with too many types of wood.

What decade does your wood say you are?

Every decade has its trend wood: 1970s, knotty pine; 1980s, golden oak; 1990s, blonde maple; 2000, espresso/ebony; 2010, driftwood oak.

Refresh outdated wood

And lastly, we all know men act like wood is gold, and it should never be painted. If the wood in your home is outdated, then it's time for a change. Re-stain or paint it to give it another five to 10 years of life.

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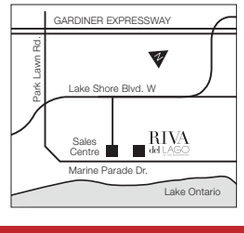

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Alleged bite

Disciplinary case opened for Suarez

Luis Suarez could become just as awkward for football's international organizers to handle as he has been for rival teams at the World Cup.

The Uruguay forward's alleged bite into the left shoulder of Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini in a crucial group-stage game has hit a raw nerve at a tournament which has been characterized by a high quality of football and entertainment.

The consequences of Suarez's bite will now test FIFA president Sepp Blatter's often-stated commitment to "fair play, discipline, respect."

In the early hours of Wednesday, FIFA announced it had opened a disciplinary case against the player. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

National pride

Defoe still wants to play for England

While England seems destined for "massive change" in the wake of its failed World Cup campaign, Jermain Defoe says he can still contribute goals to the national cause.

"I'll never turn my back on my country," the Toronto FC striker told reporters after training Wednesday. "Like I mentioned before I still feel like I've got a lot to offer.... I'm still ready to play and score goals for my country."

The 31-year-old Defoe, who has 19 goals in 55 appearances for his country, was named to England's 30-man World Cup roster but did not make the final 23. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Messi out of this world vs. Nigeria

World Cup. In final match of group play, global superstar takes his game to next level

Lionel Messi of Argentina celebrates scoring his team's first goal during its Group F match against Nigeria in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on Wednesday. PAUL GILHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Argentina beat Nigeria 3-2 in their last World Cup group match on Wednesday, with Lionel Messi and Ahmed Musa scoring two goals each before Marcos Rojo kneed in the winner.

Argentina won Group F while Nigeria also advanced despite the loss, becoming the first African team in the round of 16 in Brazil.

Messi had his best match of the World Cup so far, scoring twice in the first half to boost his tournament total to four goals, and repeatedly cutting up Nigeria's defence with dazzling runs and clever passes.

"We played against a team that wanted to play," Messi said. "I think we saw a good Argentina. We need to continue on this path."

The Argentina captain needed less than three minutes to finish Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama's clean sheet in Brazil, slamming in the rebound after Angel Di Maria's shot bounced off the post. Nigeria replied within a minute as Musa cut in from the left and beat Sergio Romero with a curling shot toward the far post.

Nearing halftime Messi tested Enyeama with a 25-metre free kick that the 'keeper struggled to push to a corner. Having found his aim, Messi was ice cold when Nigeria gave up another free kick just moments later. This time Enyeama was stunned as the ball slipped in just inside the post.

"Messi is one of heck of a player, he's blessed. You can't take it away from him," Nigeria coach Stephen Keshi said. "Messi is from Jupiter, he is different."

Tens of thousands of Argentine fans had travelled to Porto Alegre for the match, taunting Brazilian spectators by singing "Maradona is greater than Pele" at the 44,000-capacity stadium.

The Brazilians booed and held up five fingers to remind the Argentines of how many World Cups they've won. Argentina has two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Group F

3	2
Argentina	Nigeria

- Tragedy struck in Nigeria before the match, as an explosion rocked a mall in the capital, Abuja, and police said at least 21 people were killed. Go to page 18 for more.

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Padres fall prey to Lincecum no-no again

MLB. San Francisco hurler pulls off ultra-rare feat of no-hitting same team twice

The Giants' Hector Sanchez approaches the mound after Tim Lincecum threw a no-hitter against the Padres on Wednesday. JASON O. WATSON/GETTY IMAGES

Tim Lincecum's days of dominance may be in the past. That doesn't mean he can't dial up flashes of the Freak he once was — especially against the San Diego Padres.

Lincecum pitched his second no-hitter against the Padres in less than a year, allowing only one runner Wednesday and leading the San Francisco Giants to a 4-0 win.

"I've always been that guy who will kind of go for the strikeout," Lincecum said. "I think my first no-hitter I had 13, so I think I was going for those a little bit more often."

"Today I tried to be a little bit more efficient and take what they were going to give me. They were giving me a lot of groundballs and a lot of pop flies, so I was just going to try to keep attacking the way that I was," he said.

Lincecum shut down the weakest-hitting team in the majors, striking out six and walking one in a 113-pitch outing — 35 fewer than he needed last July 13 against the Padres in his first no-hitter.

He retired the last 23 batters after walking Chase Headley in the second. Though the Padres hit a few balls hard, the Giants didn't need any exceptional plays to preserve Lincecum's gem.

The right-hander with two NL Cy Young Awards became just the second pitcher in major-league history to no-hit the same team twice. Hall of Famer Addie Joss did it for Cleveland against the Chicago White Sox with a perfect game in 1908 and a no-hitter in 1910.

"It's hard enough to do one," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "To do two, that puts you in a little different class. I couldn't be happier."

Lincecum (6-5) threw the 16th no-hitter in Giants' team history. Just one other pitcher has thrown two — Christy Mathewson for the New York Giants more than 100 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Wednesday

Giants	Padres
4	0

NHL

Pens sign Johnston as new head coach

The Pittsburgh Penguins have hired Mike Johnston as the team's new head coach.

Johnston replaces Dan Bylsma, who was fired on June 6.

The 57-year-old Johnston, introduced at a Wednesday news conference, spent the past six years with the Portland Winterhawks of the Western Hockey League.

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NHL

Kings roll out new deal for Gaborik

Left-winger Marian Gaborik agreed to a seven-year deal Wednesday to stay with the Los Angeles Kings.

The Stanley Cup champions reached a deal with their late-season acquisition before he became an unrestricted free agent next week.

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NBA

Chandler sent back to Big D

The Dallas Mavericks and New York Knicks agreed Wednesday to a six-player trade that returns centre Tyson Chandler to Dallas three years after he helped win a title only to leave right away in free agency.

The Mavs sent guards Jose Calderon, Shane Larkin and Wayne Ellington and centre Samuel Dalembert to the Knicks for Chandler and Raymond Felton.

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Tennis

Djokovic wins wild one at Wimbledon

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic advanced to the third round at Wimbledon with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5) win Wednesday over Radek Stepanek in a match that featured only two service breaks.

Djokovic lost in last year's Wimbledon final to Andy Murray.

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March 21 - April 20
Don't stand back and watch life pass you by. Aries is a cardinal sign, meaning you have more drive than most, so there can be no excuses for not getting out into the world and making things happen. Go for it!

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The world is a wonderful place and what happens over the next 48 hours will remind you how much is possible if you have a positive outlook on life.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will get what you deserve today and tomorrow. If you have worked hard you will gain in ways that delight you, but if you have stayed in your comfort zone rewards will be limited.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
In a matter of days you will be doing things you hardly dared dream of just a short time ago. So much is possible for you now. All it needs is for you to be confident and be ready to act fast when the time is right.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If there are any ill feelings between you and a loved one, you must sort it out over the next 24 hours. Yes, they can at times be a pain. But bearing grudges is always self-defeating.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will get the proverbial offer you cannot refuse today but if you are smart that is exactly what you will do. The planets indicate that there will be better offers coming your way before the end of the week — and lots of them.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tomorrow's new moon will bring with it an opportunity to move up in the world, but it won't come for free. Is it a trade worth making? The fact is you cannot afford not to.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some people complain that they never get the breaks but you know that's rarely true. What you get out of life has to be earned and over the next three days you'll find the more you give the more you get.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Use your energy wisely today because if you waste it on trivial things you could pay for it tomorrow. Don't listen to what others say is important, listen only to your inner voice.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take what happens today as a challenge rather than a setback. Everything that occurs in your life has a meaning behind it and a lesson to be learned. Fate is rarely unkind.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you make a mistake today just admit it and move on. Life is a succession of tests and the powers that guide your life do not expect you to pass every one of them, at least not first time. You'll do better tomorrow.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The approaching new moon falls in the most dynamic area of your chart, so don't hesitate to take advantage of what happens over the next few days. Remember to use your energy wisely. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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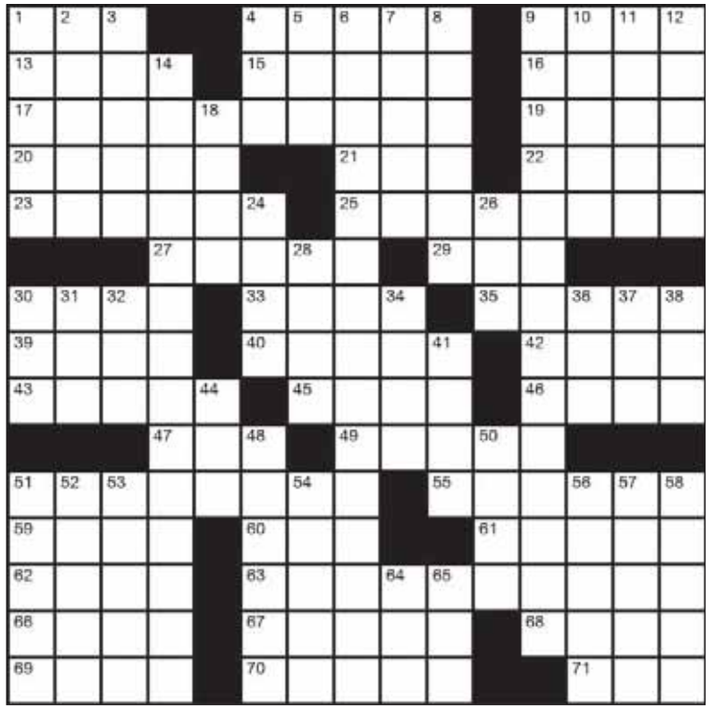
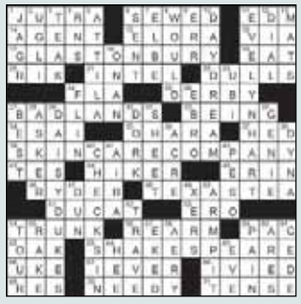


Across
1. Goldie, to Kate
4. "Why __ _ __ longer getting a signal?" (Satellite TV user's query)
9. Quick
13. Sarah McLachlan hit
15. Mil. mission type
16. Sailor's call!
17. Newfoundland folk tune: "The __ Soiree"
19. Hawk
20. Ils opposites
21. Vitality
22. Possess
23. "Dynasty" diva
25. Band for Canadian rocker Tom Cochrane: 2 wds.
27. Fennel-like flavour
29. Bolivia's leader Mr. Morales
30. Mountain lake
33. "Paperback Writer" bit: "Based on a novel by a man named __..."
35. Classic 'Degrassi' nicknamed character
39. Cargo platform
40. Madagascar animal
42. Cancel
43. Small role
45. Nero's 602
46. Australian band
47. Cloth
49. Empire of Mexico
51. Fans of Captain James T. Kirk's show
55. Real
59. Large, for one
60. Li'l sandwich
61. Western hit song for Canadian actor Lorne Greene
62. Canadian actress Ms. Matchett
63. Aria, for one: 2 wds.
66. Coup d'__
67. Canadian __ Company
68. Beach's blanket?
69. Dart
70. Avian abodes
71. Lefts opp.

Down
1. "__ _ wish!"
2. "Entertainment Tonight" host Nancy
3. Thousand: French
4. Evita's li'l land
5. Sea: French
6. "...and __ __ __ in the air..." - Joni Mitchell, "Both Sides Now"
7. "__ __ tells us!" (Finally that guys speaks!)
8. __ kick, as in football
9. __ __: The Pleasures and Perils of Dress in the 19th Century (Current exhibition at Toronto's Bata Shoe Museum)
10. Onward
11. Crack
12. MTM's 'T'
14. Three-time Mayor of Halifax who founded a still-existing-today brewery in 1820: 2 wds.
18. "Beauty __ the eye...": 2 wds.
24. Window part
26. Campers, commonly
28. Grape's inner
30. Cdn. place to buy stuff on TV
31. Alias indicator
32. Flange
34. Pablo __ y Picasso (b.1881 - d.1973)
36. Chicago's third-tallest building, __ Center
37. Cereal brand
38. Mr. Asner's
41. Ms. Moreno
44. Tree type
48. Guitar manufacturer
50. Beige
51. Tut-tutted
52. Lasso
53. Poet Mr. Pound's
54. Secretly wed
56. Open, as a cage
57. Broker
58. UK's House of __
64. Meal morsel
65. 'Street's Disciple' artist

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

4		3		9				6
			3			1		
		5			8		7	
		7					4	
		2	9		1	8		
	6					5		
	8		4			6		
		1			7			
5				2		7		3

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	4	6	7	5	8	3	9	1
8	3	5	1	4	9	7	2	6
1	7	9	2	3	6	4	8	5
4	1	2	6	9	7	5	3	8
6	5	8	3	2	1	9	7	4
3	9	7	4	8	5	6	1	2
7	6	4	9	1	2	8	5	3
9	8	1	5	6	3	2	4	7
5	2	3	8	7	4	1	6	9

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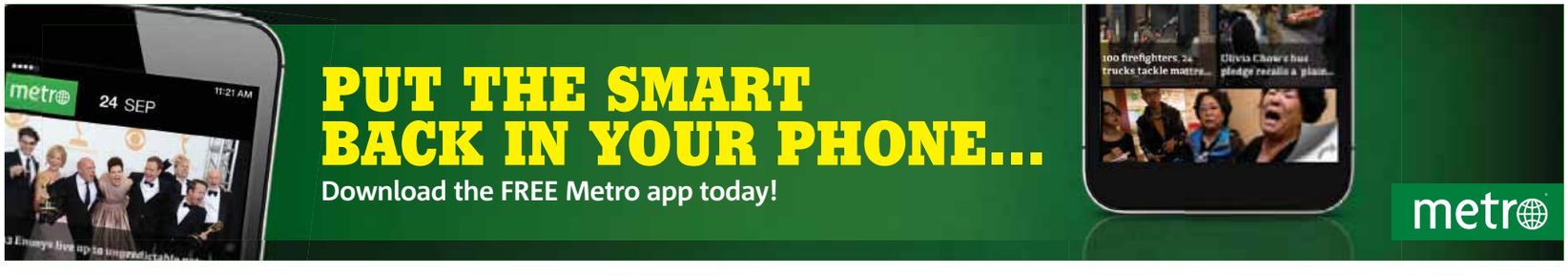
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